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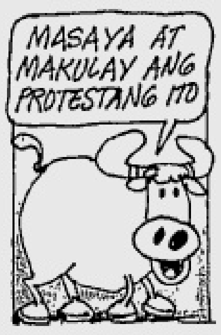
MASAYA AT MAKULAY ANG PROTESTANG ITO

FEW people are looking forward to the visit by George W. Bush as much as Ely Velez Pamatong.

Pamatong plans to put thousands of followers into the streets on Saturday to welcome the president of the

LOVE-HATE/ A20

GMA downplays report of OIC junking RP bid

By Allan A. Nawal
PDI Mindanao Bureau
and Juliet Javellana
and Gerald Lacuarta *in Manila*

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia—President Macapagal-Arroyo downplayed reports that the government's bid for observer status in the Organization of the Islamic Conference had been rejected, even as Malaysia's ambassador to the Philippines strongly denied the news that the bid was turned down by the OIC's Committee of the Eight.

Ms Macapagal said attaining observer status was important, "but it is not indispensable." She also waxed optimistic

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SIMPLE, STYLISH. President Macapagal at the opening of the 10th OIC summit in Putrajaya, Malaysia. AP

RP to block Fraport bid at World Bank

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.
and Clarissa S. Batino

THE PHILIPPINE government will block the $425-million case that Fraport AG has filed with the World Bank to get compensation for its investment in the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 by refusing to participate in the multilateral lending agency's arbitration proceedings, the Office of the Solicitor General said yesterday.

The OSG took this position as Malacañang accused the German airport operator of "political blackmail" by coming

RP TO BLOCK/ A20

Bittersweet rites mark Pope's silver jubilee

VATICAN CITY—Pope John Paul II thanked the faithful for their support and prayers over his 25-year papacy on Wednesday, appearing in relatively good form at his general audience on the eve of the anniversary of his election as Pope.

The 83-year-old John Paul spoke strongly but had difficulty at times uttering his words—symptoms of Parkinson's disease which have become more pronounced in

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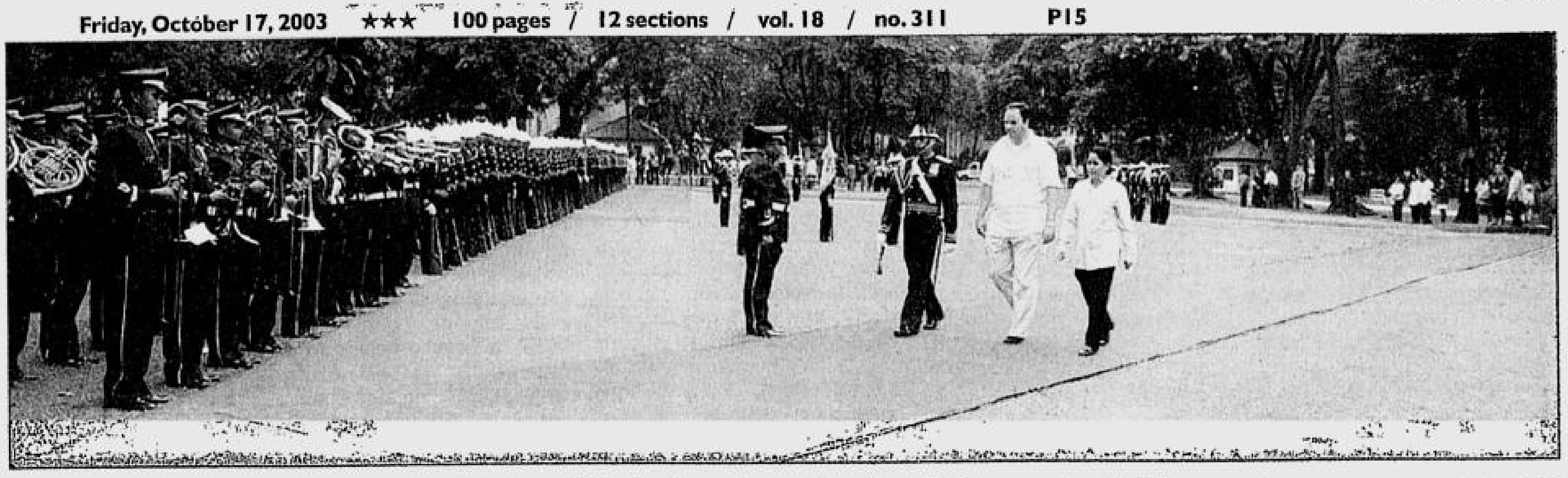

DOUBLES for President Macapagal and US President George W. Bush rehearse the pass in review of the honor guard on the Palace grounds. EDWIN BACASMAS

Malacañang fiesta for Bush readied

Nipa huts, bunting dot gardens

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

WAS it Saturday already?

Malacañang, its colonial facade having received a good scrubbing and a fresh coat of paint, was looking its royal best yesterday as though the most powerful man on earth had already arrived.

From the Philippine flags flying beside the Stars and Stripes along the Palace gate, to the new 372-meter red carpet, to the colorful tiny *banderitas* strung above the specially built *nipa* huts dotting the gardens, it was fiesta, Filipino style, for the "real-time" dress rehearsal for the visit of US President George W. Bush.

As the "state dinner" was in progress in the early evening, the whole expanse of the gate, as well as the balcony of the Kalayaan Hall, was lighted, lending a shimmering glow to the capiz windows.

Capiz lamps also decked the trees, but they remained unlighted at press time.

Before noon, more than 200 schoolchildren noisily made their way to the Kalayaan Hall, tailed by a group of young folk dancers in costumes. A throng of guests, including Filipino and American officials led by US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone and Philippine Ambassador Alberto del Rosario, gathered on the sprawling Mabini grounds.

Time momentarily stopped as a gleaming black limousine entered the grounds shortly after 1 p.m. "President Bush" and "First Lady Laura Bush" disembarked near the platform where a

MALACAÑANG/ A20

DRESS REHEARSAL. Elementary schoolchildren in complete costume lend a holiday atmosphere to the final run-through of dance numbers for the US first lady. EDWIN BACASMAS

Texas cowboy to don 'barong' at state dinner

By Juliet L. Javellana

HOW WOULD this Texan cowboy look in a *barong* Tagalog?

If he wore cowboy boots with his suit when he feted President Macapagal-Arroyo at a glittering state dinner at the White House in May, US President George W. Bush is apparently willing to go one step further when he visits the country tomorrow.

Bush might actually show up at the state dinner in Malacañang wearing the Filipino native shirt barong Tagalog.

"Yes, that is my understanding," Susan Ralston, a Filipino-American on Bush's staff, said when asked to confirm the information.

Ralston was in Malacañang yesterday to coordinate the visit. She is executive assistant to Bush's senior adviser Karl Rove, and is one of the "fast-rising" Fil-Ams in Washington.

Palace sources said the barong would be one of Ms Macapagal's gifts to Bush.

Bush's measurements were taken earlier.

Former US President Bill Clinton wore a barong Tagalog when he and other

TEXAS/ A20

BIR's chief tax fraud prober gunned down

By Volt Contreras,
Clarissa S. Batino
and Tina Santos

ARMANDO Rosario Rosimo was not able to make it to his daily prayer ritual at the Bureau of Internal Revenue yesterday.

The country's top tax fraud investigator, who usually began his workday by praying and meditating for 30 minutes, was killed by five still unidentified gunmen at around 6:45 a.m., as he was leaving for work.

Rosimo, head of the BIR's Tax Fraud Division, died inside his maroon Honda Civic after being ambushed on the corner of Road 3 and Alley 15, Project 6, Quezon City, just meters from his house.

The motive for the killing was not immediately clear, but Rosimo's highly sensitive job fueled speculation.

"If this is work-related, I promise you we will identify (the perpetrators) and we will run them to the ground," BIR Commissioner Guillermo Parayno told radio station dzRH.

Parayno said Rosimo was working on several tax fraud cases involving mostly big companies.

"It is not farfetched that he incurred enemies in the course of public service," he said, ordering a review of the tax cases under

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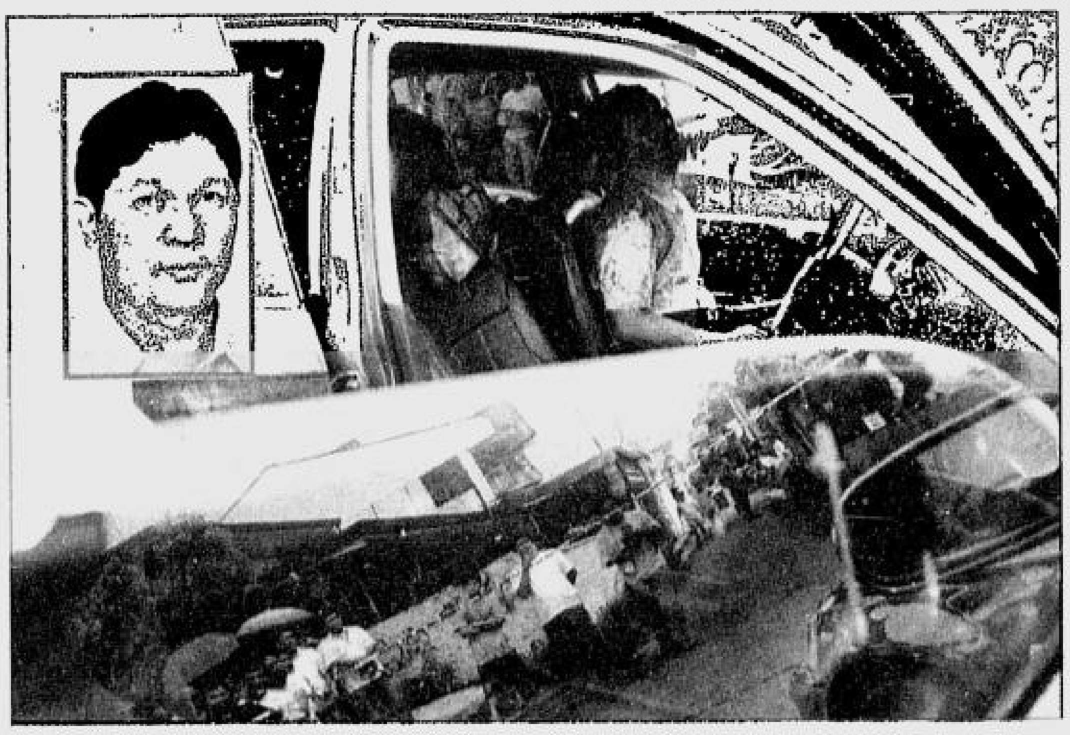

RIGHT OUTSIDE his home, they got him. Lawyer Armando Rosimo (inset), BIR's top tax fraud investigator, never spoke of death threats. JOAN BONDOC

Erap moved to Army camp in Tanay, Rizal

OUSTED President Joseph Estrada was yesterday moved to Camp Capinpin in Tanay, Rizal, and is being held in a two-bedroom bungalow that sits on a 500-square-meter lot surrounded by a barbed-wire fence.

According to Ed Urieta, chief sheriff of the Sandiganbayan, the house used by officers visiting the camp has a living room with a small TV set and a kitchen. It's chilly in the area because the camp is located atop a hill, negating the need for air-conditioners, he said.

In an interview with radio dzBB en route to Capinpin, Estrada said he was not complaining and even indicated anticipation of soaking in "sunshine and fresh air."

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Extreme Northern and Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms while the rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.
SOURCE: PAGASA

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Metro Manila	Partly Cloudy	Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains
Baguio	Partly Cloudy	Roxas	Cloudy with Rains
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Laoag	Cloudy with Rains	Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains
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Second FRONTPAGE

New 'Kuratong' court sought

By Philip Tubeza

STATE prosecutors are seeking the transfer of the Kuratong Baleleng case against Sen. Panfilo Lacson and 33 others to a family court amid perceptions that Quezon City Judge Theresa Yadao may not be able to render an impartial judgment on the case.

Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño yesterday said the justice department would appeal directly to Yadao to have the case re-raffled to a family court after the Quezon City Regional Trial Court dismissed a similar motion earlier.

He said the Quezon City RTC had advised prosecutors to take up the issue directly with Yadao as she already had jurisdiction over the case.

Defense lawyers accused the prosecutors of "forum shopping," or looking for a court sympathetic to them.

Jurisdiction of the Kuratong case has become a vexed issue ever since the Supreme Court ruled to revive the multiple murder case two weeks ago.

Prosecutors have protested the conduct of the re-raffle of the case, which landed in the sala of Yadao. Media speculations have it that prosecutors are uncomfortable with Yadao, who was promoted to the Quezon City RTC by jailed ex-President Estrada and may therefore be sympathetic to Lacson and his co-accused.

Yadao is set to rule today on a motion from two of the accused, retired police director Romeo Acop and Chief Supt. Francisco Zubia, to determine whether there is probable cause to issue arrest warrants against them.

Before the court does so, however, Zuño said prosecutors would ask it to hear its motion for the transfer of the case to a family court on the ground that two of the victims were minors.

Birth certificates

The justice department has produced the birth certificates of Sherwin Abalora and Melebren Soronda, two of the 11 alleged Kuratong Baleleng gang members who were killed at Commonwealth Ave. in Quezon City on May 18, 1995.

The documents showed that Abalora was 17 years old while Soronda was only 14 when they were shot allegedly dead by policemen.

RA 8369, the law that created family courts, gave these special courts jurisdiction over cases where the victims are minors.

"The provision of the [law that created] family courts is very specific—that the family court has exclusive jurisdiction over all cases where anyone of the accused, or the victim, is a minor," Zuño said.

Lawyer Frank Chavez, counsel for Acop and Zubia, opposed the prosecutors' motion, saying RA 6389, which was passed into law on Oct. 28, 1997, could not be made to apply retroactively to the Kuratong Baleleng case which occurred two years earlier.

"That law does not apply in this case because the victims were already dead. This law seeks to protect the child from the rigors of trial. But here, what child are we talking about?" he said, adding that the motion was an obvious move to seek a sympathetic court.

But Zuño argued that the law does not distinguish if the minor is dead or alive.

He said the issue of jurisdiction was a prejudicial question so it has to be decided first.

If Yadao decides that the case should be turned over to a family court, then the hearing of the motion for determination of probable cause will become academic, Zuño said.

Meanwhile, Supreme Court records show that the high court had fined Yadao in November 2002 for failing to issue an arrest warrant in a murder case in Maddela, Quirino province.

Yadao was fined P20,000 "with a stern warning that a repetition of the same offense will be dealt with more severely." *With a report from Tina Santos*

Senate coalition falling apart

By Christine O. Avendaño

AFTER THE defection of three political parties from the administration People Power Coalition, four Independents who ran for senator under the PPC banner in 2001 may be mulling breaking away from the political grouping before the May 2004 elections.

The four, who belong to the five-member "Wednesday Group" in the Senate, said they would be consulting with other Independents in the PPC on their next move after the departure from the coalition of the Aksyon Demokratiko, Reporma and Promdi parties.

In an interview, Senators Manuel Villar Jr., Ralph Recto, Francis Pangilinan and Joker Arroyo also said they were "miffed" at the way the Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats—the largest party in the PPC—tended to speak for them on all matters relating to next year's polls.

The four said that while Lakas has declared its support for President Macapagal-Arroyo in next year's elections, they had yet to make up their minds on the matter.

"We will talk on whom we will support for president," Villar said. Invited to the consultations, he said, are PPC-Independents in the House and provincial and local governments.

Sen. Noli de Castro is the fifth member of the "Wednesday Group," so-called because they get together every Wednesday after the Senate session.

"With these consultations, we might strengthen Lakas, or go without Lakas," Villar said.

Recto said: "We are not part of Lakas, so when Lakas speaks, it does not include us." Recto ran as a guest candidate of Promdi in the 2001 senatorial race.

Pangilinan said they plan to hold a series of consultations with other PPC groups and personalities, including Aksyon Demokratiko's Raul Roco, "as to our possible engagement in 2004."

Pangilinan conceded they did not like the idea of Lakas speaking for them on the matter of the 2004 elections.

"Our participation in the 2004 elections will depend on the results of our consultations," he said.

Villar reminded reporters that PPC-Independents in the Senate, who number up to 10, are a bloc unto themselves that is the largest group in the Upper Chamber, compared to Lakas which has only two members there.

The PPC-Independent senators aside from the "Wednesday Group" are Franklin Drilon, Loren Legarda, Ramon Magsaysay Jr., Ramon Revilla and Robert Jaworski, while the Lakas senators are Juan Flavier and Robert Barbers. *With Dona Pazzibugan*

That's normal in politics—GMA

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday expressed "regret" over the string of defections from the People Power Coalition but said she accepted these as "normal" in politics.

In a statement, Ms Macapagal said, "Supporters will come and go in the normal run of partisan politics."

The President added: "While we somewhat regret these developments and sincerely hope we can stick together in serving the worthy ideals of the PPC, this does not diminish the growing unity of our people behind the march of basic reforms in governance and development and the quest for peace and stability." *Gil Cabacungan Jr. and Cynthia D. Balana*

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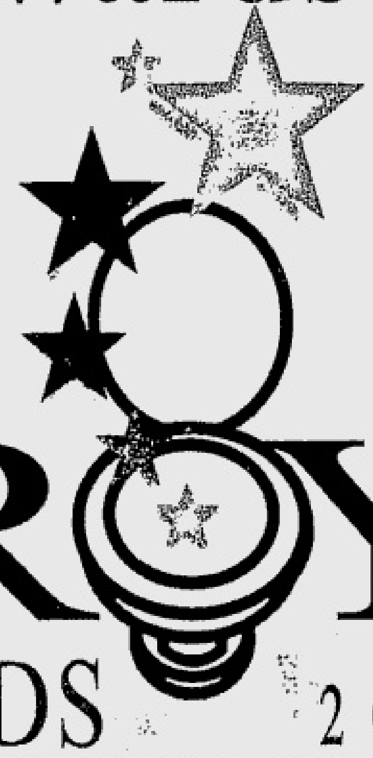

TROY AWARDS 2003

Toilet Recognition of the Year Awards

MECHANICS:

TROY Restroom Awardees

1. Open to owners and managers of public restrooms. To join, fill up the nomination form available in the DOT regional office and its government agency-partners (DILG, DOH, DepEd, and DOTC). Submit the nomination form to the nearest DOT-Regional Office where the restroom is located or download it from wowphilippines.com.ph. Deadline for submission of entries is November 15, 2003.

2. The Regional audit team shall group the nominees per category basis.

3. The nominee who meets the 100 points criteria (or provisions 1 & 2) of the Evaluation Checklist shall be automatically considered for the 3-star award. Additional 20 points shall be given to the restrooms which meet the "More than the Usual" provisions. Restrooms which garner a total score of 106 to 113 shall receive a 4-star award. Restrooms with 114 to 120 points shall be given 5-star award. Five-star awardees are the (WOW) best public restrooms which meet all the design, quality and maintenance criteria set by the National Committee.

4. The Audit Team composed of representatives from the DOT, DILG, DOH, DOTC, DepEd and tourism-oriented NGOs may then schedule unannounced visits to the restrooms to validate the entries. Members of the committee shall be determined by the DOT National Search Committee. The Audit Team may visit non-nominated toilets and opt to evaluate them.

5. Nominees for 4 and 5-star awards shall be validated by representatives duly appointed by the DOT National Search Committee.

LGU TROY Awardee

1. The LGU TROY Awardee shall be assessed based on the LGU overall performance and collective ratings of their nominees which shall comprise 70% of the total point score.

2. 20 points shall be given to the LGU support systems. 10 points shall be rated for community mobilization and civil society/NGO participation.

EVALUATION PROCEDURE

A. TROY Restroom Awardees

1. The search shall be conducted in the city and municipal levels. The Regional Search Committee shall be composed of members from: DOT (Chairman), DILG, DOH, DOTC, DepEd, RAP, and Tourism-oriented NGO.

Nominees shall submit the following to the DOT-Regional Office:
a. Pictures of the restrooms
b. Accomplished Evaluation checklist (TROY Form No. 01)

2. The Regional Search Committee shall accomplish the following:
a. Table evaluation of the submitted documents
b. Conduct unannounced evaluation of the qualified nominees
c. Submit to the National Search Committee the final list of nominees for the 3, 4, and 5-star awards.

B. LGU TROY Awardee

1. The Regional Search Committee shall nominate to the National Search Committee only one LGU classified under:
a. Highly urbanized city
b. Component city
c. 1st to 3rd class municipality
d. 4th to 6th class municipality

2. A separate search shall be conducted for highly urbanized cities and municipalities in Metro Manila because these LGUs cannot be of the same level with LGUs outside of Metro Manila.

3. The National Search Committee shall determine the LGU TROY Awardee using the prescribed form (TROY Form No. 02).

4. The National Search Committee shall then evaluate who among the Regional nominees shall be given the LGU TROY Award and shall, do on-site inspection of top 3 nominees.

AWARDS

A. TROY Restroom Awardees

All public toilets with 3 star and 4-star ratings shall be given a "TROY Restroom" Certificate of Recognition. 5-star restrooms shall be given Plaque of Recognition and additional prizes from major sponsors. They shall also be included in the DOT Tourism roadmap and other promotional and marketing tools of the Department.

B. LGU TROY Awardees

All Regional nominees shall be given Plaques of Recognition. National winners shall be given trophies and other exciting prizes from DOT and its major sponsors.

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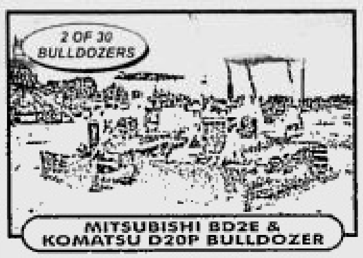

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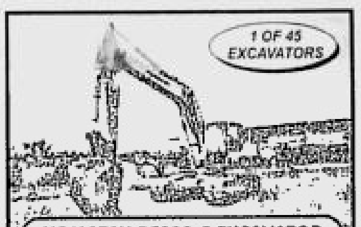

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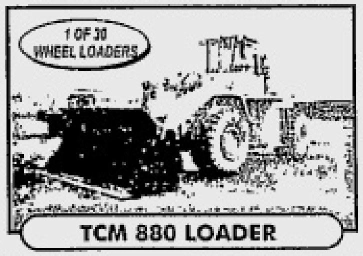

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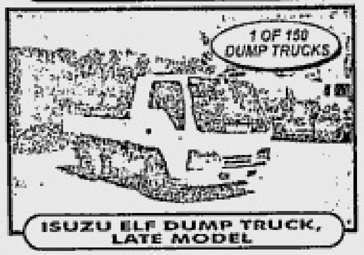

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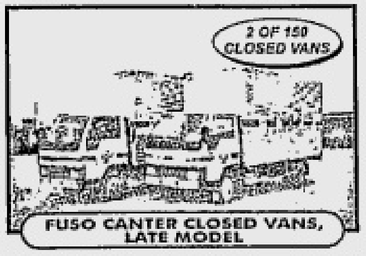

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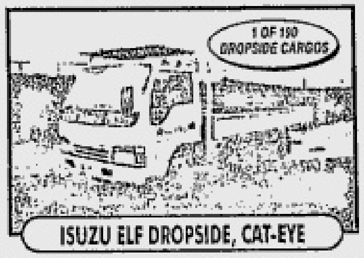

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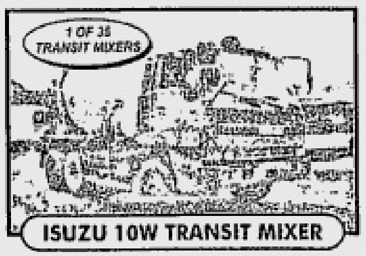

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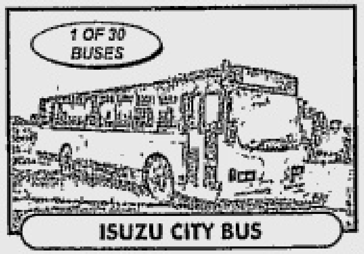

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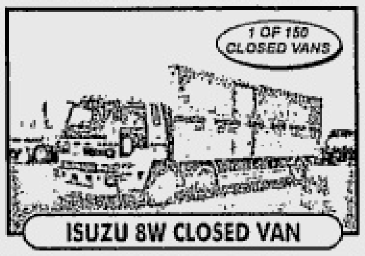

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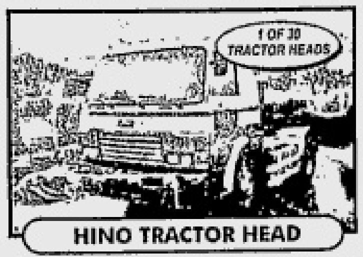

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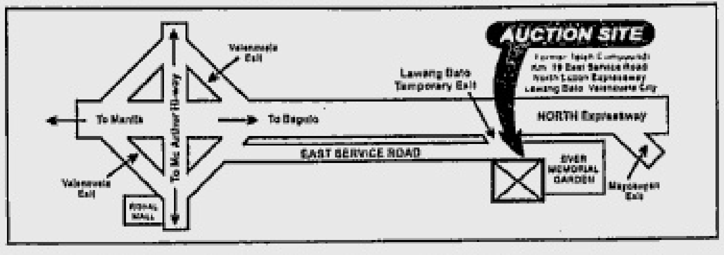

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'Powerful forces' behind my suspension – Soriquez

SORIQUEZ

By Martin P. Marfil

PUBLIC WORKS Secretary Florante Soriquez yesterday said "powerful forces" orchestrated the graft case that led to his suspension.

Soriquez, who had been ordered suspended by the Sandiganbayan for his involvement in the P2.7 billion megadike scam, did not name the forces behind his suspension but added that these groups were supposedly hurt by his policies.

"Powerful forces are behind the latest twist in this case. These are forces whose money-making ways are being threatened by new policies being pursued as the Department of Public Works and Highways flexes its muscles in support of (the administration)," Soriquez said in a statement.

Soriquez and nine others, four of them private individuals, are being tried for the collapse of portions of the FVR Megadike Project in 1996.

Four other DPWH officials—engineers Rey David, Ulysis Maniago, Juan Gonzales and Gil Rivera—were also suspended.

Yesterday, Soriquez said that he had been cleared from the "faulty design" charge of the project by the Supreme Court last year, "proof of the Supreme Court's belief in the substantiality of his claim."

Soriquez maintained that the dismissal of the "faulty design charge" was enough ground that his role in the construction of the megadike was ministerial and non-supervisory.

"This case has not really bothered me for I have not done anything wrong. I express confidence in our country's justice system and I believe that justice will finally prevail," he said in the statement.

The DPWH is perceived to be one of the most corrupt government agencies.

Recently, some of its officials were also ordered suspended for failing the "lifestyle check" conducted by Malacañang.

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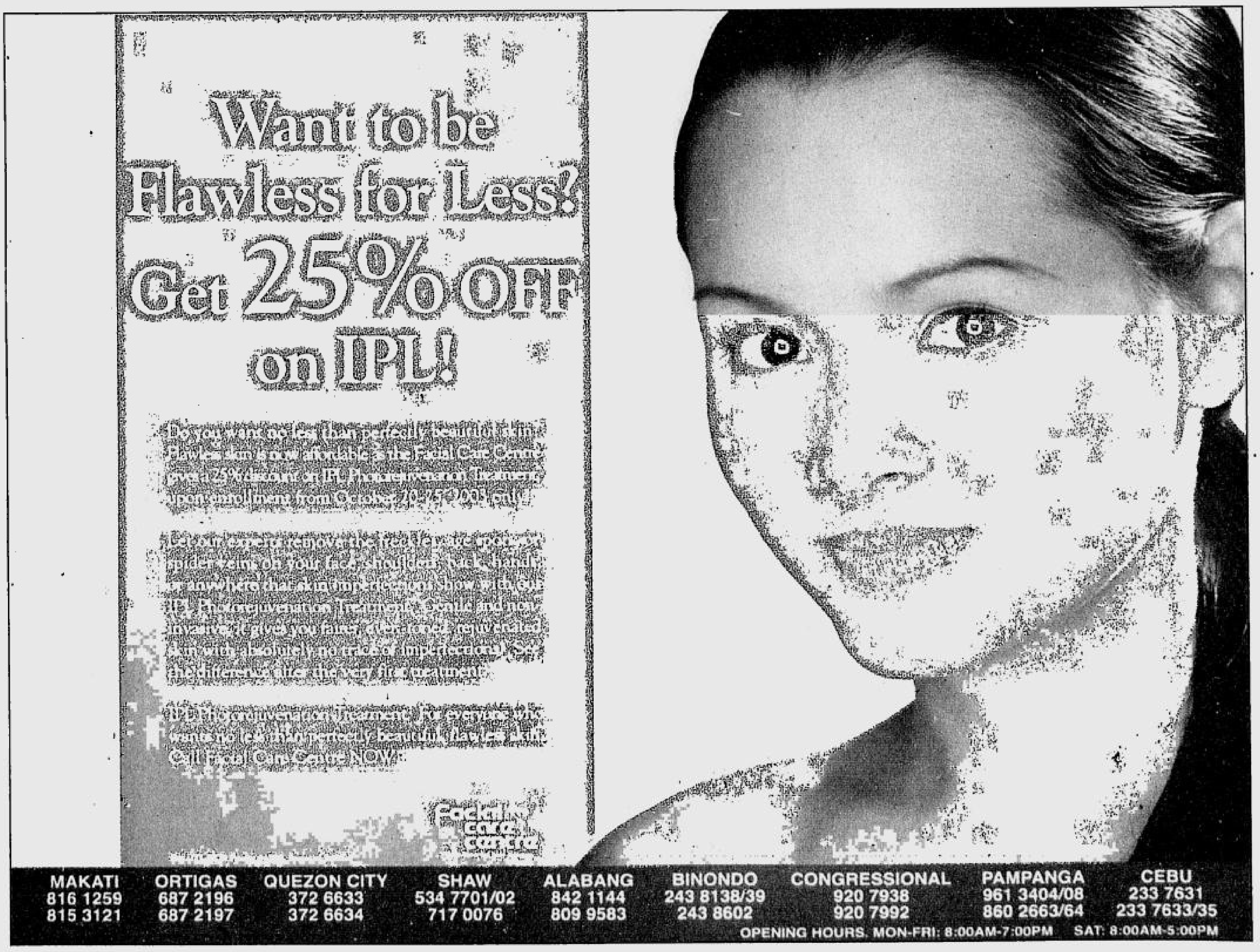

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Al-Ghozi: Terrorist to many, martyr to town mates

MADIUN, Indonesia—The body of one of Asia's most notorious terrorists arrived for burial in his central Indonesian hometown yesterday, while scores of people wept and hailed him as a hero.

Fathur Roman al-Ghozi, fatally shot by police in North Cotabato province last Sunday after three months on the run, had confessed to deadly bombings in Metro Manila, was convicted of explosives possession, and was accused of plotting terror attacks by the al-Qaida-linked terrorist group Jemaah Islamiyah.

But in his hometown of Madiun, about 200 relatives and supporters called the slain 32-year-old a "hero."

"Yes, this is the body of my son, he died a martyr's death," said Al-Ghozi's mother as she stared into the white casket and then broke down crying.

Rubout

Supporters—many of them Islamic students dressed in traditional white tunics—said they had come to say goodbye to someone who'd fought for Muslims around the world.

"He struggled to spread Islamic teaching and he fought for his people but the West just wanted to call him a terrorist," said Slamet Wetan, a student from the nearby town of Solo.

"For me, Al-Ghozi died as a hero," he said.

His body was flown to the Indonesian capital and eventually driven to his hometown 750 km east of the Indonesian capital of Jakarta.

A funeral had been scheduled yesterday, but it could be delayed as relatives and lawyers quarrel over whether to conduct an autopsy to determine how he died.

The Philippine military said Al-Ghozi was killed in a clash. But officials in the area said there had been no reports of a battle, giving rise to speculation that he may have been shot after capture.

President Macapagal-Arroyo on Tuesday denied that Al-Ghozi was executed in cold blood to create a publicity coup before United States President George W. Bush's visit to Manila on Oct. 18.

A lawyer for Al-Ghozi's family, Wirawan Adnan, said he would demand that Al-Ghozi's body be examined to determine the cause of death before being buried.

Mujahideen

Adnan described his death as "suspicious."

"Our team, who examined his body in the Philippines, suspects that he did not open fire because there was no trace of gunpowder in his hand," Adnan said.

More than 150 people from the Big Family of Mujahideen in Solo, Central Java, and the Indonesian Council of Mujahideen arrived in Madiun to pay homage to Al-Ghozi.

They carried banners reading "My choice: Live in dignity or die as a martyr," and "Al-Ghozi, whoever you were you are a martyr, Islamic hero."

The MMI is led by cleric Abu Bakar Bashir, who according to foreign governments, leads the Jemaah Islamiyah regional terror network blamed for the Bali bombings and a series of other attacks.

Al-Ghozi graduated in 1989 from an Islamic boarding school founded by Bashir, who was jailed for four years in September for plotting to overthrow the Indonesian government.

Al-Ghozi trained in Afghanistan and set up a JI terrorist training camp in Mindanao, according to a report from the International Crisis Group of political analysts.

Shortly after he was convicted, Al-Ghozi reportedly confessed that he used part of his explosives stockpile to bomb the Manila light railway, killing 22 people and wounding 100 on Dec. 30, 2000.

He also reportedly said JI had planned to use the remainder for a bombing campaign in Singapore.

Prosecutors have said Al-Ghozi also detonated a bomb at the Philippine ambassador's residence in Jakarta in August 2000, killing two people.

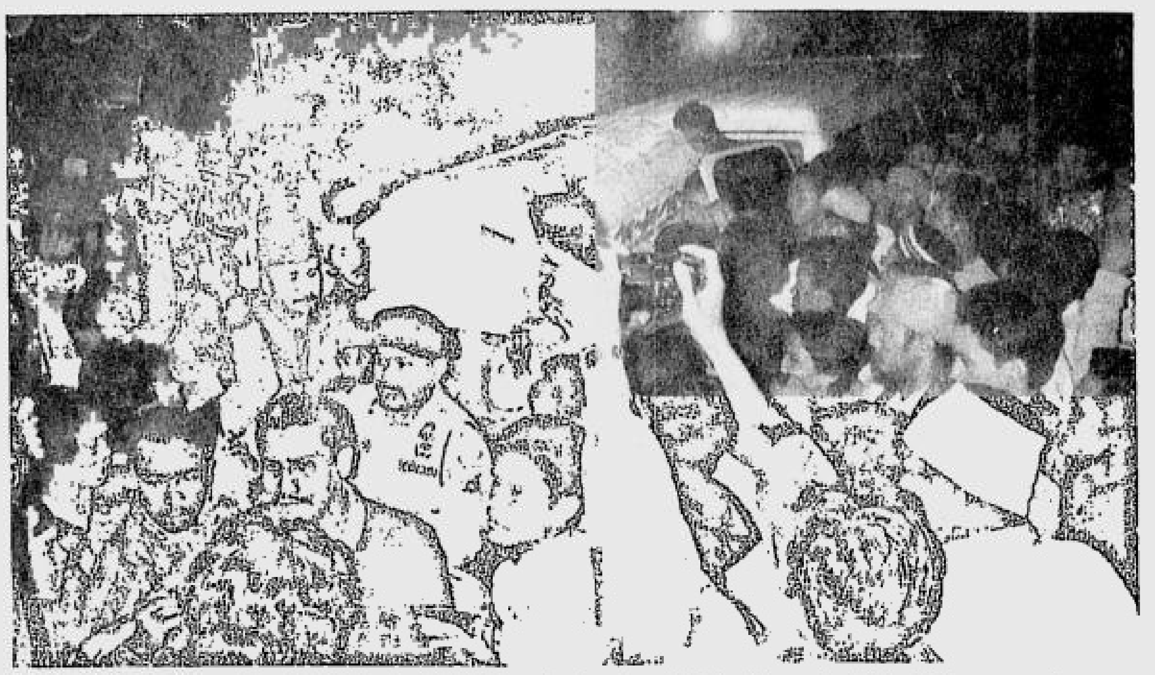
Originally detained in the Philippines in January, Al-Ghozi was serving a 12-year prison sentence when he slipped out of a jail at the Camp Crame police headquarters on July 14 with two suspected members of the Abu Sayyaf, another al-Qaida-linked terrorist group.

Radicalized

Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim nation, practices a moderate form of Islam. But in recent years it has witnessed the rise of radical Islamic groups such as the Jemaah Islamiyah, which used the nation as a base for operations and recruitment.

Jemaah Islamiyah has been blamed for last year's Bali bombings, which killed 202 people, many of them foreigners. The group has also been linked to the August bombing of the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Jakarta, which killed 12 people, and a series of church bombings in 2000.

Also yesterday, an Indonesian court convicted and sentenced a 34-year-old man to life in prison for helping plan and finance the Bali bombings. *AP and AFP*



THE COFFIN containing the body of terrorist Fathur Roman al-Ghozi is carried into his home early Thursday in Madiun, Indonesia. AP

Case closed, but mystery lingers

By Christian V. Esguerra

CASE closed.

Philippine National Police chief Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. yesterday declared the case of Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi "finished" despite nagging questions surrounding it.

"He's been buried already," Ebdane told reporters in an ambush interview.

It also appears he no longer wants to have anything to do with Omar Opik Lasal, one of two Abu Sayyaf detainees who had escaped with Al-Ghozi three months ago.

"For obvious reasons," Ebdane said, he had turned down the Armed Forces' offer to turn Lasal over to the PNP. The fugitive was recaptured last week in Lanao del Norte by members of the Southern Command.

The death of the Jemaah Islamiyah's top operative in the Philippines ended a three-month ordeal for Ebdane and other ranking PNP officials who, on account of the escape, had been accused of either receiving bribe or of plain stupidity.

Also yesterday, during the oathtaking of 562 police inspectors at Camp Crame, the PNP chief trumpeted the breakthrough. He said the new officers were coming in at an auspicious time: the Al-Ghozi problem had been solved, and the police force was scoring big successes against bank robbers and kidnap syndicates.

Ebdane appeared to have trashed two crucial questions that became more intriguing with Lasal's recapture and subsequent admission that he was a military asset. No less than Director Eduardo Matillano, Criminal Investigation and Detection Group chief who was initially tapped to probe the escape, earlier said he wanted to meet Lasal and personally ask these of him:

1) If indeed Lasal had been told by Al-Ghozi of the planned escape, why did he not tip off the PNP or his military handlers?

2) How could Al-Ghozi have specified the escape date—during the visit of Australian Prime Minister John Howard—considering that he supposedly had no contact outside of Crame?

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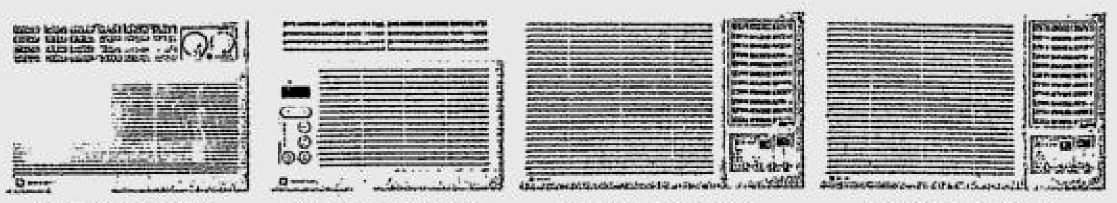

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Such a numerous crowd had gathered that they crushed one another. Then Jesus spoke to his disciples in this way,

"Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy. Nothing is covered that will not be uncovered, or hidden that will not be made known. Whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in daylight, and what you have whispered in hidden places, will be proclaimed from the housetops.I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who put to death the body and after that can do no more.

But I will tell you whom to fear: Fear the One who after killing you is able to throw you into hell. This one you must fear. Don't you get five sparrows for two pennies? Yet not one of them has been forgotten by God. Even the hairs of your head have been numbered. So do not fear: are you not worth more than a flock of sparrows?"

Commentary

"I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who put to death the body, and after that can do no more." Life is very valuable. Life is a gift from God that should be nourished and cherished. But life is not the highest of values. Life can be sacrificed for a higher cause. Heroes freely chose to lay down their own lives for the sake of their country. Martyrs of the Church chose to die rather than forsake their faith. A student of mine, Rev. Fr. Rhoel Gallardo, chose to die rather than follow the orders of his Abu Sayyaf kidnappers in a remote Basilan Island. He died faithful to his vocation as a priest, he died consoling his fellow kidnap victims. For him, life is valuable but there is a higher value: the Kingdom of God.

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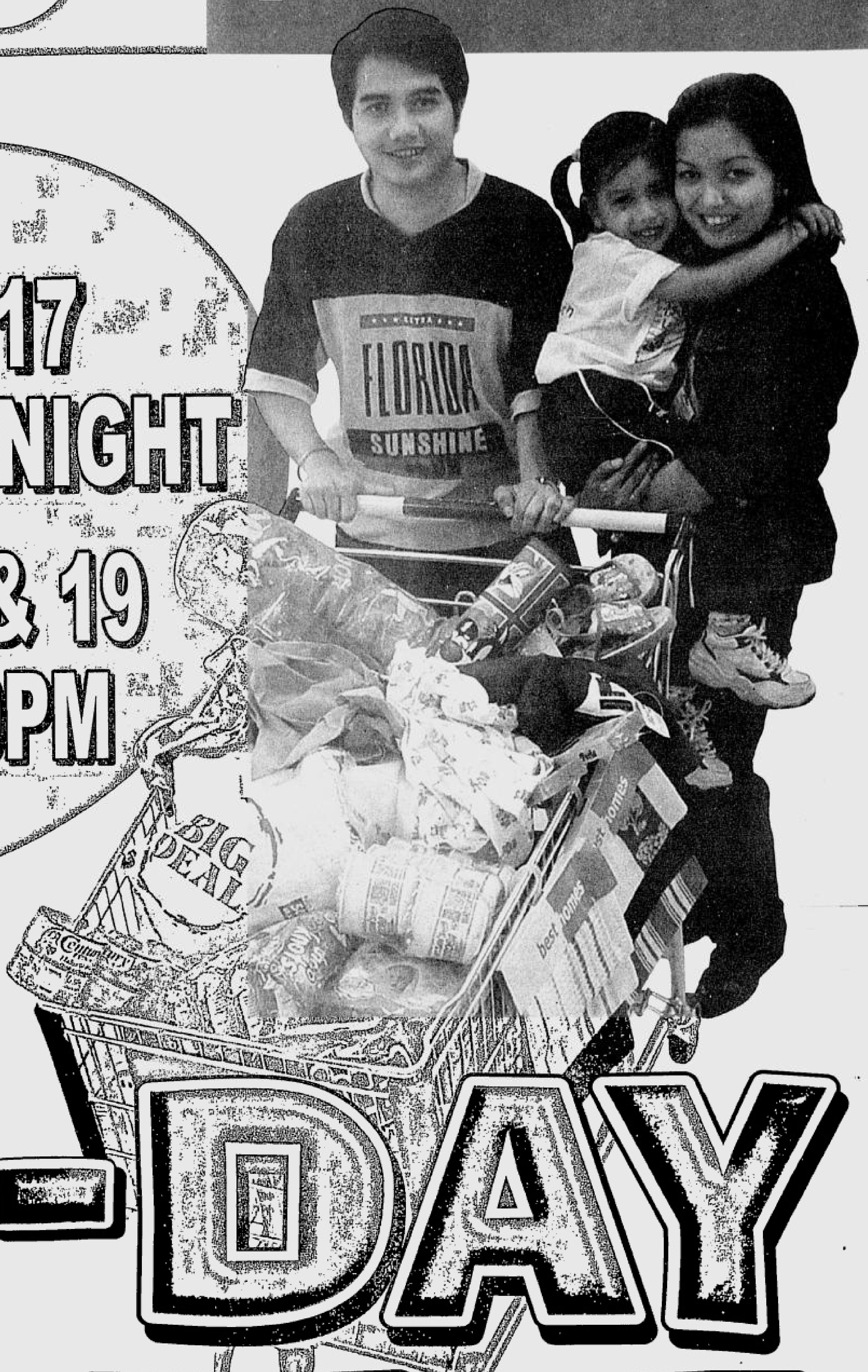

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Hostages not seen in Sulu

CONTRARY to persistent reports, military troops combing the jungles of Sulu have not encountered the Abu Sayyaf bandits or their six hostages.

Officials made the statement yesterdav to debunk rumors that the kidnap group had landed in Patikul town with the resort workers—four Indonesians and two Filipinos—that they had snatched in Sabah and joined the group of Abu leader Radullan Sajiron.

Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero, military information officer, said that the armed forces had received a lot of "raw information" on the presence of the bandits in Sulu, but that these were "still unverified," and therefore unreliable.

Southern Command chief Lt. General Roy Kyamko also said there was no "tangible proof" to the story of similar sightings aired by a television network.

"I talked to the civilians, including local officials of Patikul," Kyamko said. "They fielded their own people, who said they did not see any suspicious individuals in their respective communities." *TJ Burgonio and Julie Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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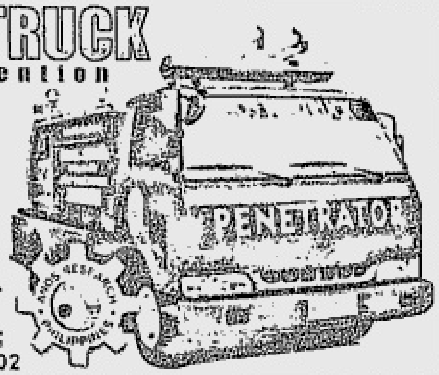

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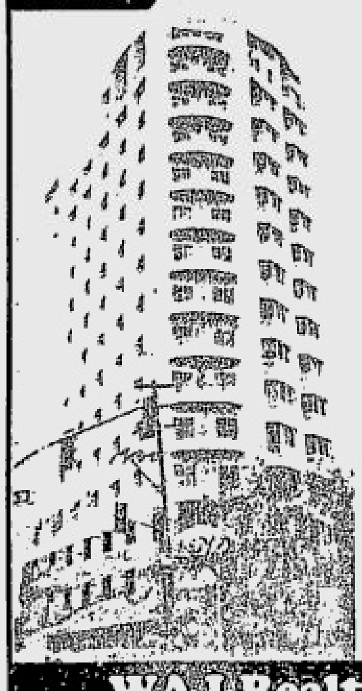

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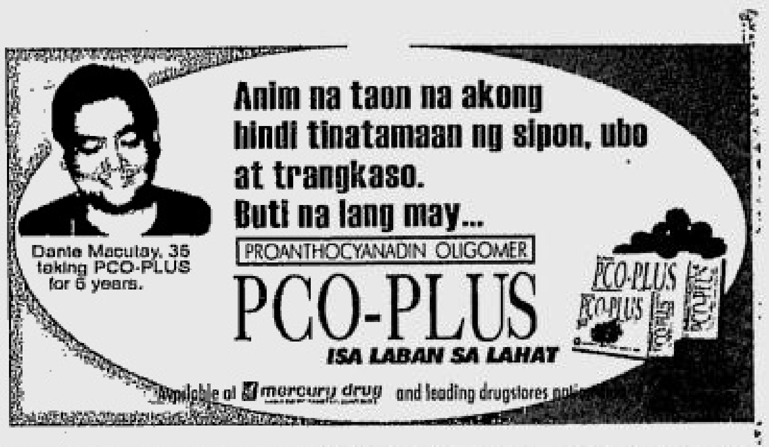
The high court has also named the three former SC justices who would investigate the leakage.

SC Clerk of Court Luzviminda D. Puno said that since the tribunal had already presented the solution to the leakage scandal, it just "noted" the petition of Claro B. Flores, a director of the IBP-Manila III Chapter, that asked the court to order another exam on the Mercantile Law. *Philip C. Tubeza*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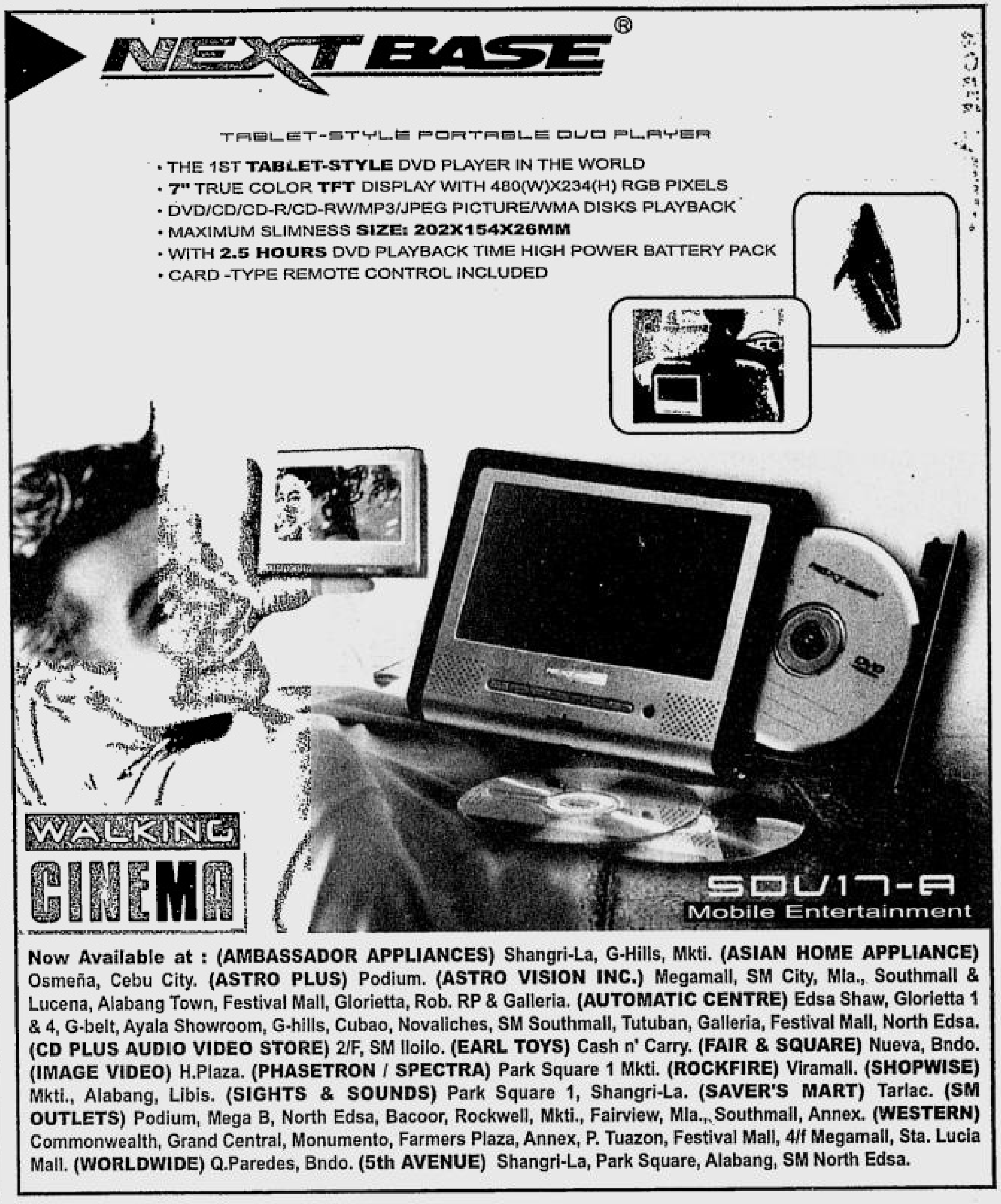
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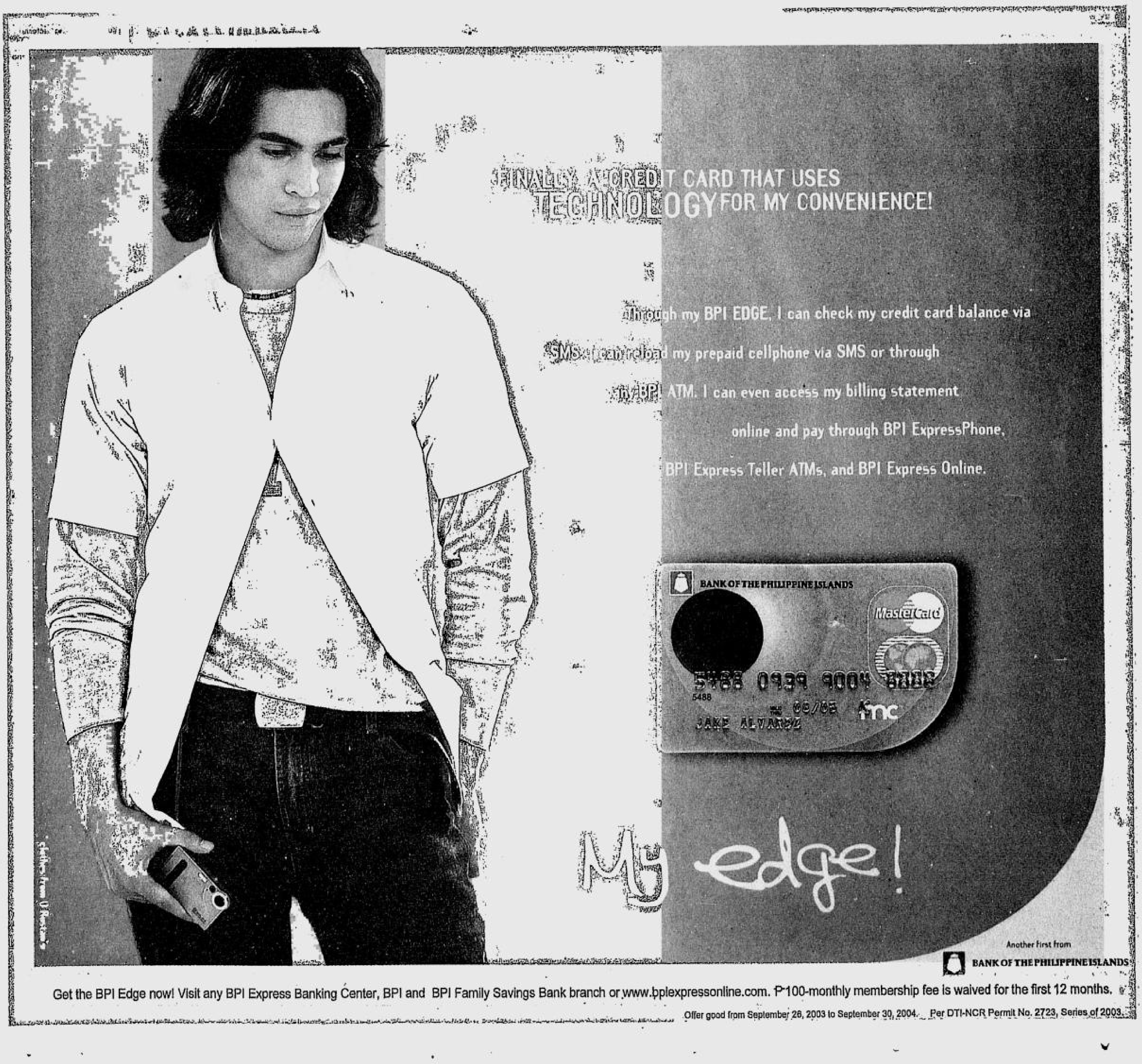
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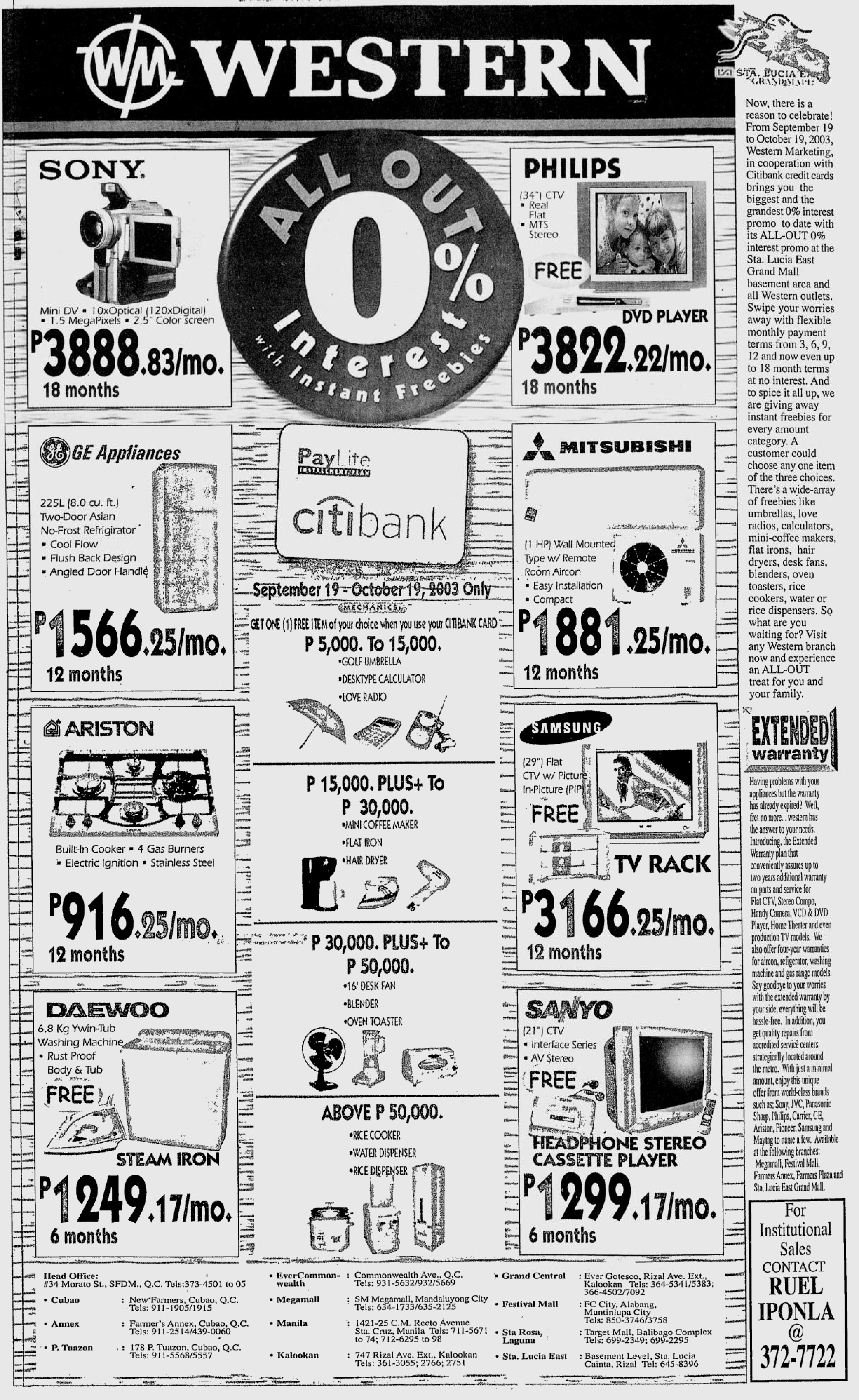

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The WORLD

Editor **Luverne B. Gueco**

China space mission 'a complete success'

BEIJING—China completed its first manned space flight Thursday when the Shenzhou 5 capsule with astronaut Yang Liwei returned safely to Earth, sparking celebrations and a pledge of a new mission within two years.

The capsule landed at 6:23 a.m. (5:23 a.m. Manila time) just 4 km off target in the vast grasslands of the Inner Mongolia region some 300 km northwest of Beijing.

Lt. Col. Yang, 38, was in good health and the Beijing Space Command and Control Center and Premier Wen Jiabao announced the mission a "complete success."

Yang exited the capsule on his own, looking dazed, and was seen on television waving following his 21-hour flight that covered 600,000 km.

He was immediately steered to a chair outside the module and was carried through a large crowd of jostling officials and media to a nearby van for a medical before being flown by helicopter to Beijing.

"I feel proud of my motherland," Yang said soon after landing. "The spacecraft operated normally. I felt very good."

Premier Wen congratulated him by telephone on behalf of government and military officials.

China's leaders had much riding on a successful mission, hoping it would promote patriotism, national cohesion and legitimacy for its rule and state-run television devoted extensive coverage to the "glorious" return.

Xie Mingbao, director of the China Manned Space Program's office told a news conference that another Shenzhou mission would be launched "in one to two years time."

China's Aerospace Command and Control Center gave the order at 5:35 a.m. for Yang to begin his descent after he had orbited Earth 14 times.

The touchdown marked the end of a history-making flight, which blasted off from Jiuquan in northeast China at 9 a.m. Wednesday and made China alongside Russia and the United States the only nations to send a man into space.

Yang, a fighter pilot, is set to become a national hero after emulating Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin's first flight some 42 years ago.

President Hu Jintao, who leaves for the Apec summit in Bangkok on Friday, watched the blast-off at the Jiuquan Launch Center and hailed the culmination of the 11-year space program as a "historic step of the Chinese people."

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan called the flight "a step forward for all humankind" while astronauts in the International Space Station conveyed their own greeting: "Welcome to space." *AFP*

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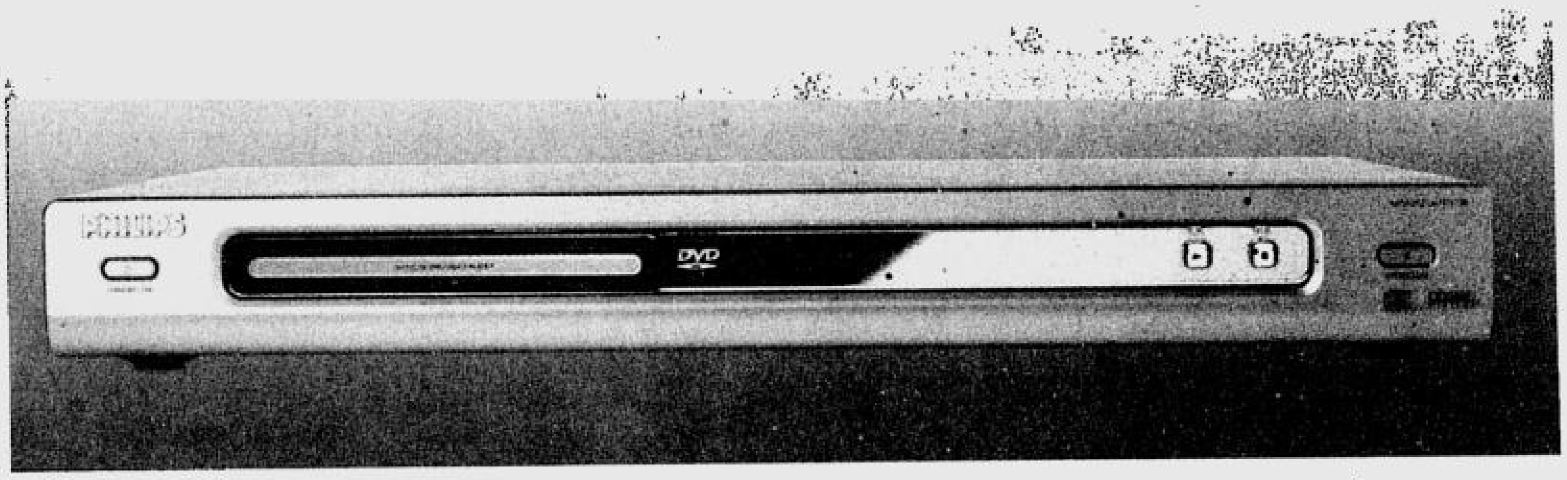

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Tan Climaco Refutes Fraport's Story

It is a story being peddled to tarnish the reputations of those who brought to light their shortcomings and corrupt practices.

I first learned of Fraport's problems when one of their representatives told me that the more Fraport infuses money into PIATCO, the more their shareholder rights are diluted. He disclosed to me that in reality, **Fraport owns more than what the Constitution allows foreigners to have in public utilities**. He also told me that the Chengs infused so little ($10.6M) and yet were exercising management control over PIATCO in a manner not commensurate to the Cheng's financial distribution.

They (Fraport) told me that they tried getting Villaraza and Angangco Law Firm some time ago, but the Cheng's didn't like that firm. They told me that they were having a difficult time finding counsel because most major law firms had conflict of interest.

They asked me who I would recommend, and I suggested they go through listings of law firms, and check who among those firm did not possess a conflict of interest. In fact, **the one I suggested was the law firm of Castillo Laman Tan Pantaleon and San Jose, because one of their partners, Gregson Angara Castillo, worked with me before in SGV.** Gregson Angara Castillo is the son of Aurora Representative Bellaflor Angara-Castillo, and is also the nephew of opposition Senator Edgardo J. Angara.

I was told that Fraport and Castillo Law met and seemed acceptable to each other. A week later, I was told Castillo Law declined the engagement because of conflict of interest. I was told that Fraport went to Picazo Law and ACCRA, but that these firms likewise declined the engagement because of conflict of interest.

Fraport's allegation that I strongly suggested tapping the services of Villaraza & Angangco is a lie. It was their German counsel, Dietrich Stiller, and other Fraport representatives, who kept asking me to help them get a meeting with Villaraza. I was told that Stiller had worked with that law firm on a different transaction a few years ago and was comfortable working with the Villaraza lawyers. Stiller was able to use his contacts in Villaraza Law to meet Atty. Pancho Villaraza. I later learned that the engagement was declined. Later, I learned that Fraport eventually hired Herrera Faylona Law.

Fraport alleged in its letter to the World Bank that I wanted the Chengs ousted from PIATCO and that the government will warehouse the shares for Fraport.

Fraport was the one which complained that they could not get along with the Chengs and wanted the Chengs out, because the Chengs exercised so much management control over PIATCO which they felt was grossly disproportionate to the money the Chengs infused. **They sought government assistance in getting the Chengs out of PIATCO. The government position has always been that this is an intracorporate dispute and should be settled among the shareholders themselves.**

To quote my letter to Fraport's then CFO Johannes Endler dated 01 March 2002: We understand that there are serious issues in PIATCO, financial and otherwise, which concern Fraport and other shareholders of PIATCO. These issues should be resolved internally among shareholders of PIATCO before discussions with the government can even proceed.

The Fraport representatives said they would rather have the Philippine Government as their partner, and even offered 2 board seats. I told them that they could not just make such offers because they owned only 30% of PIATCO. Then **they came up with the idea of buying out the Chengs and requested that the Chengs' shares be warehoused with the government.**

Fraport also alleged on its letter to the World Bank that "the nullification of the concession agreement and the refusal to compensate the Fraport are, in effect, Fraport's ultimate punishment for failing to abide by the government's unlawful demands."

The nullification of PIATCO's contracts was that it violated public policy laid down in the 1950's and reiterated in the 1960's. What the Supreme court did in May 2003 was to **affirm this policy which has been around for half a century.** I think any lawyer worth his salt could have easily researched that. And I don't think any lawyer could have changed that age-old public policy which protects Filipinos, to suit Fraport's demands, even if it throws a tantrum before the World Bank. **No lawyer can validate for Fraport that which is void under Philippine Law.**

On the other hand, the issue of compensation and other matters relating to Terminal 3 are now before an Oversight Committee chaired by DTI Secretary Mar Roxas.

Before the Supreme Court decision came out, PIATCO, of which Fraport is a shareholder, accused me of brokering the sale of PIATCO shares. **I categorically denied this accusation. This was a manufactured story.** After the Supreme Court decision, **PIATCO tried peddling this attempted extortion lie through another newspaper.** I was left with no recourse then but to defend my reputation and file a case for damages against that newspaper, after consulting with my lawyers."

I will also consult with my lawyers with respect to the accusations currently lodged by Fraport against me.

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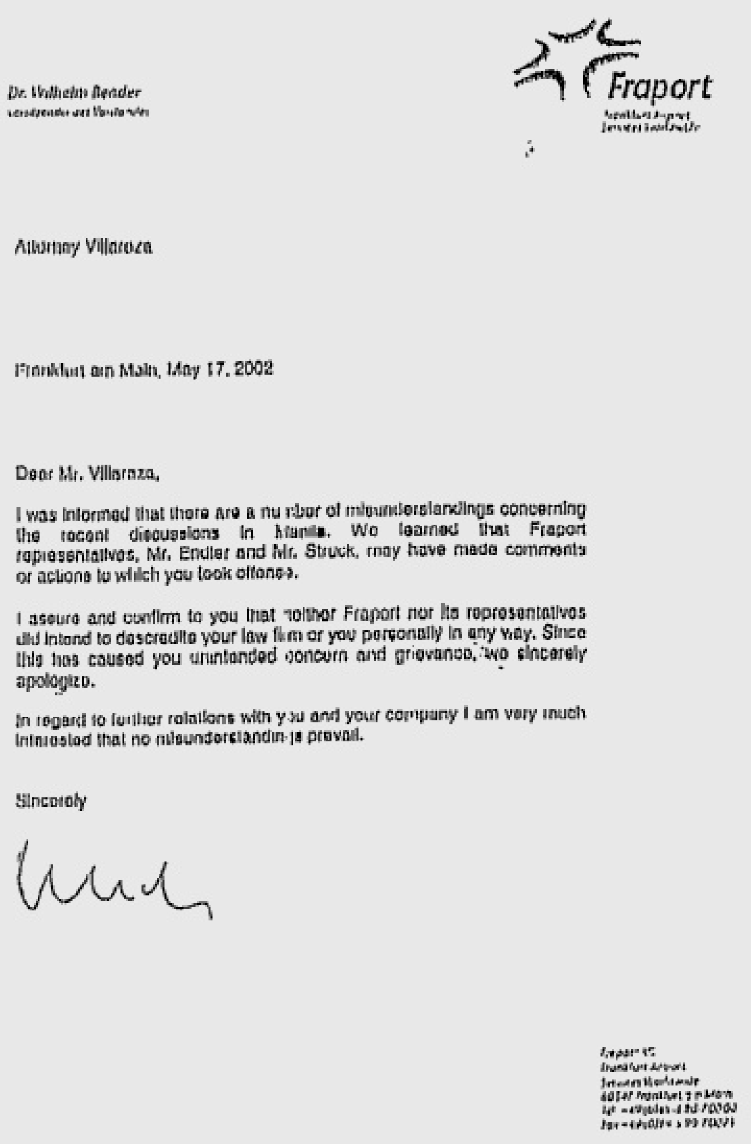
Fraport - "... we sincerely apologize."



Dr. Wilhelm Bender

Fraport

Attorney Villaraza

Frankfurt am Main, May 17, 2002

Dear Mr. Villaraza,

I was informed that there are a number of misunderstandings concerning the recent discussions in Manila. We learned that Fraport representatives, Mr. Endler and Mr. Struck, may have made comments or actions to which you took offense.

I assure and confirm to you that neither Fraport nor its representatives did intend to descredite your law firm or you personally in any way. Since this has caused you unintended concern and grievance, we sincerely apologize.

In regard to further relations with you and your company I am very much interested that no misunderstandings prevail.

Sincerely

In a letter dated May 17, 2002, Dr. Wilhelm Bender, Director and CEO of Fraport, apologized in writing to Atty. Villaraza for the "misunderstandings concerning recent discussions in Manila" particularly referring to comments made by Mr. Endler and Mr. Struck. Dr. Bender further advised Atty. Villaraza that

> **"neither Fraport nor its representatives did intend to discredite (sic) your law firm or you personally in any way. Since this has caused you unintended concern and grievance, we sincerely apologize."**

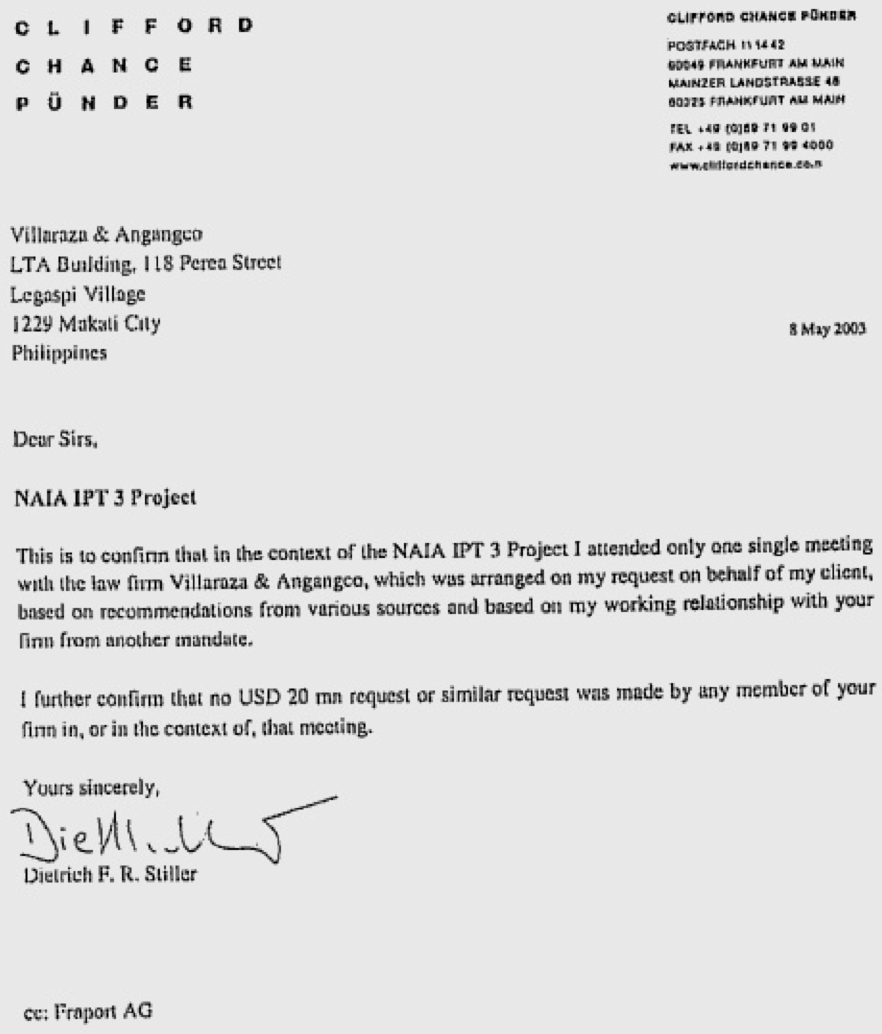
This apology belies news reports that Atty. F. Arthur L. Villaraza demanded from Fraport officials "several tens of millions of US dollars".

An "offended party" does not apologize to the "offender."

The truth is that it was Dr. Dietrich Stiller, Fraport's German legal counsel, who repeatedly approached and requested the Firm to meet with him and Fraport sometime in February 2002 with the view of Fraport engaging the Firm to assist them in regard to PIATCO's NAIA 3 Project. It was Fraport's intention to oust the Chengs from NAIA 3. In this meeting, which lasted for about 20 minutes, the Firm informed Dr. Stiller that it could not represent Fraport as it is the Firm's policy not to accept any engagement which may eventually lead the Firm to taking a position adverse to government. There was also no discussion whatsoever in regard to fees, much less the manner in which it was to be paid.

Dr. Dietrich Stiller, as counsel of Fraport, had already denied the alleged attempt to extort money from Fraport. In a letter dated May 8, 2003, Dr. Stiller stated that " I attended only one single meeting with the law firm Villaraza & Angangco, which was arrananged on my request on behalf of my client, based on recommendations from various sources and based on my working relationship with your firm from another mandate. ***I further confirm that no USD 20mn request or similar request was made by any member of your firm in, or in the context of, that meeting."***

Atty. Villaraza has never engaged in "raising money for the President." The Firm is engaged purely in the practice of law for its varied clients.



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Yours sincerely,

Dietrich F. R. Stiller

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Mahathir says Muslims can beat 'arrogant' Jews

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia—Jews rule the world by proxy but Muslims can defeat them through the use of brains as well as brawn, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad told a major Islamic summit on Thursday.

In a typically provocative speech at one of his last appearances on the world stage, Mahathir told the Organization of the Islamic Conference summit that Muslims could exploit what he termed the increasing arrogance of the Jewish people.

"The Europeans killed six million Jews out of 12 million. But today the Jews rule this world by proxy. They get others to fight and die for them," said Mahathir, who is due to retire at the end of the month after leading this moderate Muslim country for 22 years.

"1.3 billion Muslims cannot be defeated by a few million Jews."

He urged Muslims to emulate the Jewish response to oppression, however, saying the Jews had "survived 2000 years of pogroms not by hitting back, but by thinking."

"We cannot fight them through brawn alone, we must use our brains also," he said.

The Muslim people had become angry and the Jewish people had become arrogant, "and arrogant people like angry people will make mistakes, will forget to think," he said.

Mahathir said Muslims were "humiliated and oppressed," a reference not only to the Palestinian situation but to what he sees as the West's use of the war on terrorism as a pretence for a war against Islam.

The summit is the biggest gathering of Islamic leaders since the 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, drawing more than 30 heads of state and government from throughout the Muslim world.

In an apparent denunciation of terrorism, Mahathir—who often criticizes both sides in a dispute—said "we find some of our people acting irrationally," killing themselves and others as they "lash back blindly in anger."

Muslims must seek another way to "counterattack," he said, calling for them to build stable, economically strong and technologically advanced countries along with military might.

Mahathir's speech, apart from its racially explicit attack on the Jewish people—rather than the state of Israel, was in line with the general theme of the summit, which is that the Muslims feel besieged by the fallout from the terrorist attacks on the United States. *AFP*

Manila Water

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Mandaluyong and Quezon City

Manila Water announced there will be two temporary water service interruption in portions of Mandaluyong and Quezon City. The first interruption will begin 8:00 pm, Friday, October 17, 2003, up to 8:00 am, Saturday, October 18. The interconnection of several mainlines will be undertaken as part of Manila Water's ongoing water improvement project. Areas without water during the period will be along: Hagdang Bato Libis, Hagdang Bato Itaas, Bagong Silang, Burol, Harapin ang Bukas, Addition Hills and Poblacion.

Meanwhile, a second interruption will take place due to the replacement of a Venturi Meter along 15th Avenue in front of Cubao Pumping Station. Water service will be cutoff starting 9:00 pm, Saturday, October 18, up to 12:00 noon, Sunday, October 19, in the following areas: Barangays E.Rodriquez; Silangan; Mangga; Socorro; San Roque; Bagumbuhay; Tagumpay, some portions of Araneta Center; Project 4; St. Ignatius; Blue Ridge A & B; Libis Proper; Phoenix; Basa Compound and Acropolis Commercial Center

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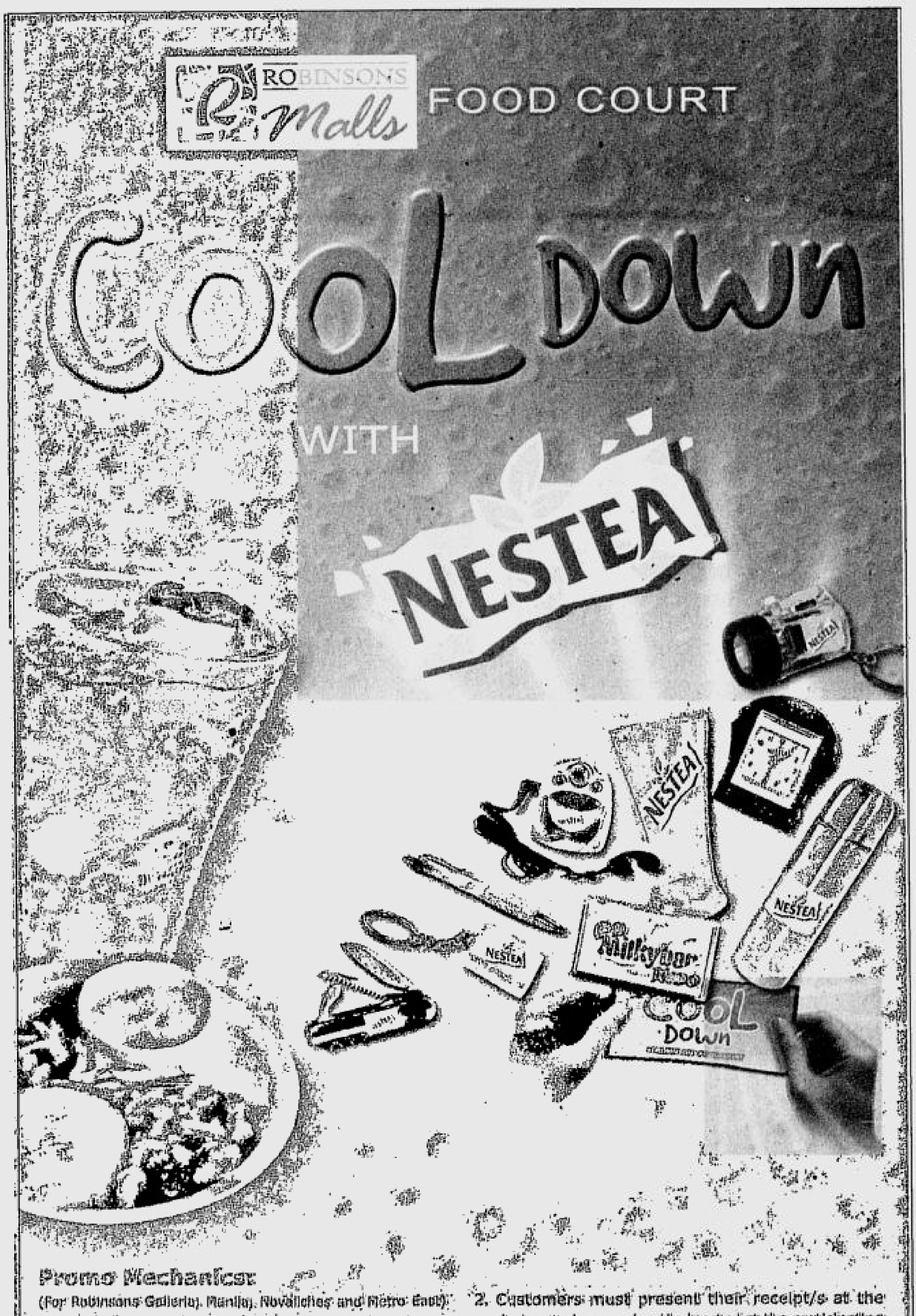

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Bali blast planner meted out life

BALI, Indonesia—An Afghan-trained militant who tearfully apologized to relatives during his trial was convicted and sentenced to life in prison Thursday for helping plan and finance the Bali bombings which killed 202 people.

Mubarok, a 34-year-old Indonesian, was found guilty of attending planning meetings for the Oct. 12, 2002, blasts at two nightclubs and using his bank account to deposit money that was later used to buy chemicals and the minivan for the attack.

Mubarok, whose real name is Hutumo Pamungkas, "has been proven legally and convincingly guilty of planning to commit the terror action," said presiding judge I Nengah Suryada.

The defendant faced a possible death sentence but was given life imprisonment because of his confession and remorse, the judge said. His lawyers said the defense has not yet decided whether to appeal the sentence.

In a second trial Thursday, Firmansyah, who goes by one name, was given a four-year prison term for sheltering bomber Ali Imron after the attack. Imron has been sentenced to life for planning the blasts.

Mubarok, like many of the key defendants, learned to make bombs and handle weapons in Afghanistan and later helped train terrorists in camps in the Philippines. But unlike several of the defendants who declared the attack was justified to avenge the suffering of Muslims, Mubarok expressed regret over it.

At one point during the trial, a sobbing Mubarok told the court: "I feel so sorry for what I've done. I hope the families can forgive me."

About 10 relatives and friends of victims were in the courtroom. One shouted "thank you!" to the five-judge panel after the verdict was read.

Peter Hughes, an Australian who was injured when the first bomb exploded in Paddy's bar, said he accepted the lesser sentence because of Mubarok's demeanor in court and a sense that he helped authorities investigate the attack. *AP*

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3 Palestinians held

JEBALIYA REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip—Palestinian police arrested three members of a militant group in this shantytown early Thursday in connection with a deadly attack on a US diplomatic convoy, security officials said. Witnesses said militants and police exchanged fire for about 10 minutes during the raid. Those arrested are members of the Popular Resistance Committees, a group of dozens of armed men, many of them former members of the Palestinian security forces and disgruntled followers of Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement. No Palestinian group has claimed responsibility for Wednesday's bombing which killed three American security guards and wounded a fourth. *AP*

Burma to get roasting

BANGKOK—The military junta in Burma (Myanmar) faces a roasting from US President George W. Bush over the continued detention of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi when he attends next week's meeting of Pacific Rim leaders here. Bush is also expected to urge Southeast Asian leaders at next week's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit to do more to push for democratic reforms in Burma, which has been run by the military for four decades. US National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice has said Bush will make clear his concern for the welfare of Aung San Suu Kyi, who is under house arrest in Rangoon (Yangon) during his six-nation tour of Asia. *AFP*

Rally leaders relent

BANGKOK—The organizers of a major anti-US protest planned for downtown Bangkok during the upcoming Apec meeting relented Thursday to a government demand that they hold the action at a less sensitive location. A coalition of activist groups had intended to hold Sunday's demonstration at a city shopping center, in protest against the US-led war on Iraq, its trade policies and its strategies to combat global terrorism. Interior Minister Wan Muhamad Nor Matha on Wednesday asked the protest to be moved to the national sports stadium or a university campus because of the difficulties of organizing security and traffic. Wan Nor threatened that action would be taken if the protesters refused to cooperate, saying "confrontation is inevitable if there is no backtrack." *AFP*

Bush visit to Bali

JAKARTA—More than 5,000 policemen will be on guard when US President George W. Bush pays a lightning visit to the Indonesian resort island of Bali next Wednesday. They will assist hundreds of US Secret Service agents and a separate joint unit of Indonesian military and police, said Bali police spokesperson Pangasihan Gaut. Bush will arrive in Bali just over a year after nightclub bombings by the Jemaah Islamiyah killed 202 people. "The US has asked for a temporary postponement of all flights to Bali during his three-hour visit but this issue is still being discussed," Gaut said. *AFP*

Reward for rapist

NEW DELHI—Police in India's capital were offering a reward and conducting a citywide manhunt Thursday to capture two men suspected in the rape of a Swiss diplomat. The 36-year-old woman, who worked in the consular wing of the Swiss Embassy, returned to Switzerland on Wednesday night. The woman was attacked by two men as she walked to her car after attending India's International Film Festival on Tuesday night, said police and Swiss officials. The men forced her into the car at knifepoint, then one raped her while the other drove, police said. *AP*

Fijians apologize

SUVA, Fiji—Believing that they remain victims of an age-old curse, the people of a remote Fijian village plan to apologize—again—for their cannibal ancestors who murdered and ate a British Christian missionary. The isolated villagers of Nabutautau say they have had hard luck since 1867, when their tribal forefathers dined on the Rev. Thomas Baker, a Methodist missionary. Baker was probably one of the first white men they had seen. According to lore, all that was left of him were his leather boots. *AP*

Son succeeds father

BAKU, Azerbaijan—The son of ailing President Geidar Aliev won the election to succeed his father, according to results Thursday. But opposition leaders and observers alleged widespread violations. Opposition protests turned into into rioting, as young men smashed cars and shop windows. With 91 percent of the ballots counted, Aliev's son, Ilham, had 79.5 percent of the vote, the Central Election Commission said. His closest rival, Isa Gambar, had 12 percent. *AP*

Supreme Court of the Philippines
Judicial and Bar Council
Manila

RE: AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1 OF RULE 3, JBC-009, RULES OF THE JUDICIAL AND BAR COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

The Council Resolved to APPROVE the amendment of Section 1 of Rule 3, JBC-009, Rules of the Judicial and Bar Council, as follows:

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> **"SECTION 1. Guidelines in determining competence. – In determining the competence of the applicant or recommendee for appointment, the Council shall consider his educational preparation, experience, performance and other accomplishments INCLUDING THE COMPLETION OF THE PREJUDICATURE PROGRAM OF THE PHILIPPINE JUDICIAL ACADEMY; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT IN PLACES WHERE THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS OR RECOMMENDEES IS INSUFFICIENT AND THE PROLONGED VACANCY IN THE COURT CONCERNED WILL PREJUDICE THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF COMPLETION OF THE PREJUDICATURE PROGRAM SHALL BE DEEMED DIRECTORY."**

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This amendment to Section 1 of Rule 3 shall take effect on the first day of December 2003 following its publication in two newspapers of general circulation on or before Friday, 17 October 2003.

24 September 2003.

LUZVIMINDA D. PUNO
Clerk of Court
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Dog beats man in UK breath test

LONDON—More than half of Britons could have breath that smells worse that their pet's, according to a survey released on Thursday.

And women are the worst offenders, with three out of five failing a sulfur emissions test, according to research by toothpaste manufacturer Aquafresh.

"Some mouths may be dirtier than cat litter," dentist Brian Grieveson said in a statement that accompanied the research.

"Most people in the UK do not realize that cleaning your tongue is as important as cleaning your teeth," he added.

Scots had the best oral hygiene, with only 10 percent suffering bad breath, compared to 27 percent in London.

Throughout the nation, 52 percent were rated at a level that could be worse than that of a pet animal.

"We are one of the last countries to understand the need to clean our tongue, with people in America and parts of Europe practicing tongue cleaning routinely," said Grieveson.

Secretaries were the freshest profession, achieving 100 percent freshness in the survey of 1,000 people.

Retail staff fared the worst and received the warning: "You could be losing sales." *Reuters*

Dog gives Hitler salute

BERLIN—A German man who taught his dog Adolf to give a Hitler salute by raising his right paw has been charged with violating Germany's anti-Nazi laws for a series of incidents in recent years, a Berlin court said on Wednesday.

Police investigated the man after members of the public complained they had seen Roland Thein giving the stiff-arm "Hitler salute" and telling his dog: "Adolf sit, give me the salute!" a court spokesperson said.

As he was questioned by police, the man ordered his black mongrel to give them the Hitler salute as well, she said. *Reuters*

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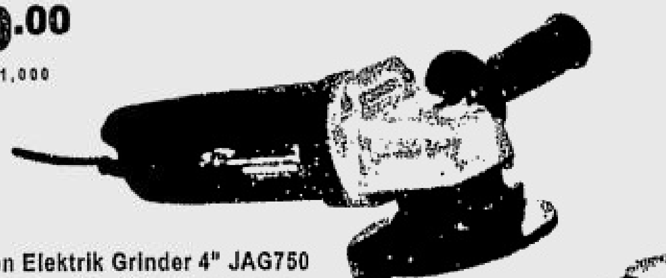

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No-win situation

EDITORIAL

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has vowed to initiate a parallel investigation of charges that her personal lawyer tried to extort millions of dollars from Fraport, the German firm that financed the construction of Naia Terminal 3. "I want the truth to come out," she said. "I ask those accused to account for all their actions." The accused in this case are the President's personal lawyer F. Arthur Villaraza, Chief Presidential Legal Adviser Avelino Cruz and Presidential Adviser for Flagship Projects Gloria Tan-Climaco.

Top executives of Fraport claimed that the three had plotted to yank out of the multimillion-dollar project the Cheng family, whose firm, Piatco, won the contract to build the terminal. In a letter to the World Bank's International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes, the Fraport officials said Cruz and Climaco told them the government would not allow Terminal 3 to be "successful" for as along as the Chengs were there. Climaco suggested several times that Fraport engage the services of "the politically well-connected Villaraza" to ease the Chengs out. However, Villaraza demanded payment of millions of dollars through banks located abroad, which Fraport turned down. They described Villaraza as a "presidential confidant and fund-raiser."

The Fraport officials also complained that the government nullified the concession agreement when it could not make the contractors agree to change some of its provisions, and then refused to pay their company the money they spent on the project and damages amounting to at least $427 million.

The government has, of course, made a strong case for nullifying the Terminal 3 contract with Piatco, citing the many onerous conditions that were against the public interest. It has persuaded the Supreme Court to give its blessings to the termination of the concession agreement. But the Macapagal administration may have a harder time convincing the people that it acted solely in their interest now that Fraport has openly accused some people close to the President of exerting undue pressure and even attempted extortion.

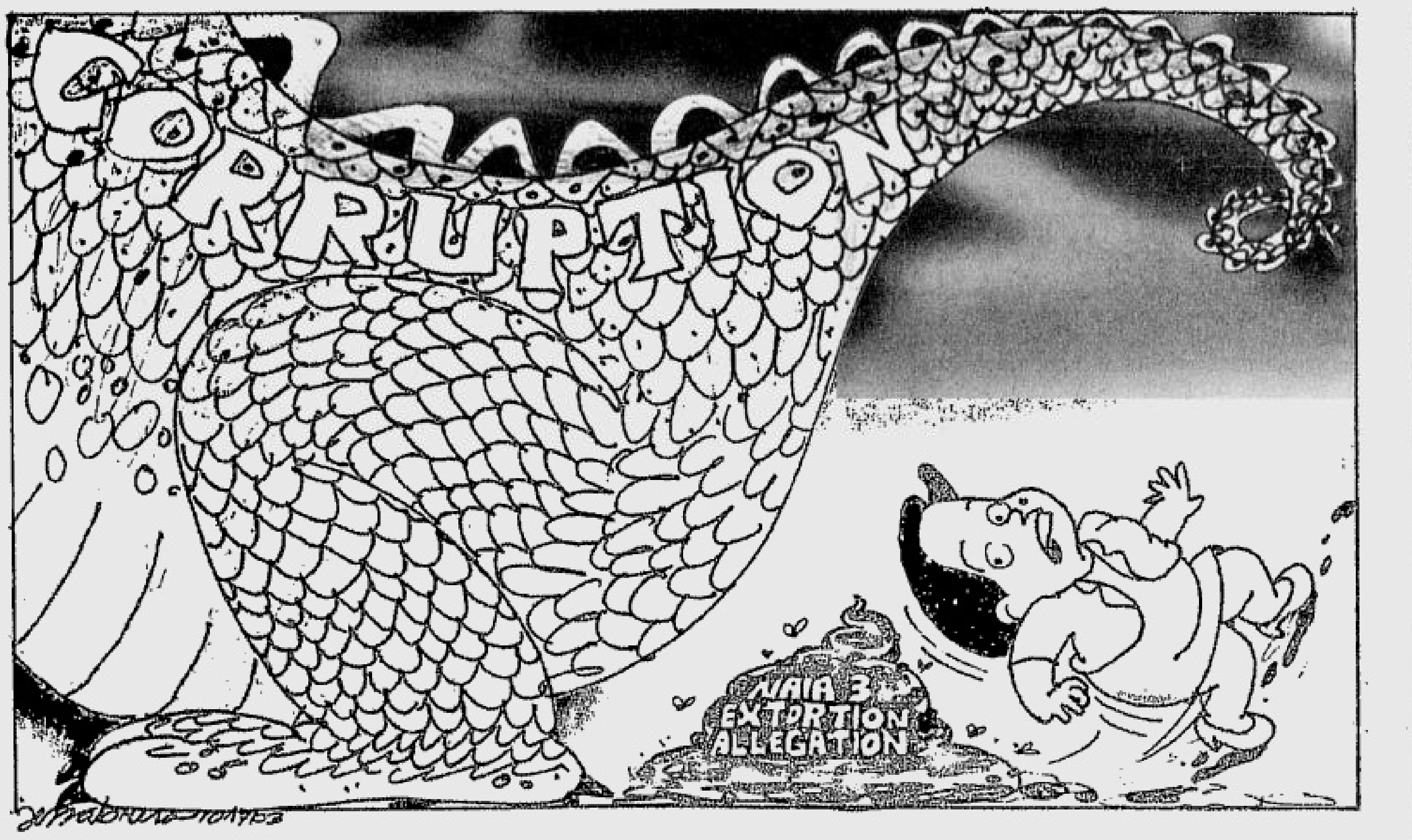
Everyone named by the Fraport officials have denied all their allegations. Climaco has denied ever recommending Villaraza's law firm to Fraport. She dismissed as lies all the charges made by Fraport, and said she had documents to prove it. Cruz himself vigorously opposed the idea, she said, because of the firm's close identification with the administration. The law firm said it had only one meeting with Fraport during which it turned down the job since it would mean taking a position adverse to the government, which was against company policy.

More baffling are the letters sent by the two Fraport officials to the law firm. One belied reports that a member of the law firm had demanded $20 million in that meeting, the other expressed apologies for dragging the firm into the controversy. Both were written much earlier than the Fraport letter to the World Bank seeking arbitration, raising the question of which version is to be believed.

What is not open to question, however, is that this is another blow to the administration, which is already reeling from various allegations of corruption, even if largely unsubstantiated. Worse, Fraport has laid the charges on the door to Malacañang by linking people close to the President. With the campaign season fast approaching, only a speedy, thorough and credible investigation will keep Ms Macapagal from being tainted by scandal, dampening her chances of getting elected to a regular term.

But who will conduct such an investigation? It is almost a no-win situation for the President. A body created by Malacañang, toward which she appears to be leaning, will have an incurable credibility problem. The Office of the Ombudsman, which is the most appropriate body to conduct such an inquiry, would have a similar problem, since Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo used to be a partner of the Villaraza and Angangco law firm. The Senate blue ribbon committee may be the only one left to do the job, although such an inquiry is most likely to drag until every senator can squeeze the last drop of publicity ink from it.

But serious charges have been made against some very high government officials before an international forum. The truth must be known for the sake of everyone concerned.



Senate probe is 'in aid of legislation'

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

I don't understand this obsession with the technicality of 'hard evidence' against the Arroyo brothers

IT is understandable for Sen. Panfilo Lacson to be disappointed with some of his Senate colleagues who seem to be in a hurry to dismiss his Jose Pidal charges. Lacson must present hard proof, said Sen. Joker Arroyo, chair of the blue ribbon committee.

He also said that Ignacio Arroyo, the First Gentleman's brother, is entitled to his privacy.

This was hotly contested by opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. who said that that was only the opinion of the chair, and not of the whole committee, and that a majority of the committee members will issue a different opinion. Likewise, the two other committees also investigating the case will likely have different opinions, he said.

I am not a lawyer so I don't understand what it is that makes lawyers lose their logic and become prisoners of technicality and rules. Rules, after all, were made to make the search for truth easier and clearer. However, because of so many rules which sometimes are contradictory, they only serve to confuse and mislead.

As a layman, what I understand by congressional "investigation"—which is what the blue ribbon and the other committees investigating the Pidal case are supposed to be doing—is to find out the truth of the charges and formulate remedial measures. As I understand it, the Senate investigation, unlike an impeachment case, is not like a court of law where prosecution and defense have to present evidence according to the Rules of Court. It is an investigation "in aid of legislation"—to help the Senate enact legislation to plug loopholes in the present law.

After the investigation, the committees do not necessarily have to come out with a pronouncement of guilt or innocence, but with a recommendation for the enactment of a remedial law or an amendment to the law that was violated by the incident investigated and avoid a repetition.

If the investigators find culpability, they can recommend prosecution to the Department of Justice or the Ombudsman which will investigate the case further, look for more evidence and then prosecute the accused in a court of law, if warranted.

So I don't understand this obsession with the technicality of "hard evidence" against the Arroyo brothers. I think Lacson has presented enough evidence not necessarily to prove their guilt but that the Bank Secrecy Law and other laws (especially the law against perjury) are inadequate to prevent the irregularities sought to be prevented. And it is the investigators who are supposed to look for proof, aren't they? That is why they are called "investigators." They are supposed to investigate, not to wait for evidence to land on their laps and pronounce judgment like a judge.

Of course, some provisions of the Bank Secrecy Law and the Anti-Money Laundering Law contradict one another, as well as the right to privacy guaranteed by the Constitution. That is why there is this confusion. But that is what the legislators are there for—to remove the contradictions and confusion. Isn't that the purpose of the "investigation in aid of legislation"?

One thing is clear, nevertheless: If the Senate committees rush the investigation and dismiss the case "for insufficiency of evidence" as if it were a criminal case—both for political reasons and so that they can rush off to the provinces to campaign—they would not have done their jobs sufficiently to "aid legislation."

I am not saying that the Arroyo brothers are guilty, but if no remedial measures are passed by Congress, grafters will continue to run circles around the government and use the banking system to hide and launder ill-gotten wealth.

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CORRECTION: In the Oct. 15 column ("All you want to know about the elections") one paragraph before item 8 was missing so that the succeeding paragraph became unclear. Here is that missing paragraph to make that item 8 clearer:

"8. Under present laws, all incumbent officials, from senators down to barangay tanods, can run for higher positions. If they lose, they can go back to their old positions. Thus, they have nothing to lose by running. On the contrary, they have everything to gain by running, even only 'for the fund of it.' Thus, there will be very many incumbent officials who will run for higher positions.

"This will bloat the list of candidates to be printed on the ballot. Chair Abalos estimates that one sheet won't be enough. Another sheet would cost another P400 million for the paper alone, not including printing costs."

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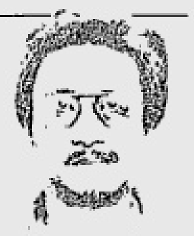

(Conclusion)

MORE Bushisms:

"After all, a week ago, there were—Yasser Arafat was boarded up in his building in Ramallah, a building full of, evidently, German peace protestors and all kinds of people. They're now out. He's now free to show leadership, to lead the world."—Washington, D.C., May 2, 2002

"Do you have blacks, too?"—To Brazilian President Fernando Cardoso, Nov. 8, 2001, as reported in an April 28, 2002, Estado Sao Pauloan column by Fernando Pedreira, a close friend of President Cardoso

"The problem with the French is that they don't have a word for entrepreneur."—Discussing the decline of the French economy with British Prime Minister Tony Blair

"I firmly believe the death tax is good for people from all walks of life all throughout our society."—Waco, Texas, Aug. 13, 2002

"The trial lawyers are very politically powerful....But here in Texas we took them on and got some good medical—medical malpractice."—Waco, Texas, Aug. 13, 2002

"I promise you I will listen to what has been said here, even though I wasn't here."—Speaking at the President's Economic Forum in Waco, Texas, Aug. 13, 2002

"President Musharraf, he's still tight with us on the war against terror, and that's what I appreciate. He's a—he understands that we've got to keep al-Qaida on the run, and that by keeping him on the run, it's more likely we will bring him to justice."—Ruch, Ore., Aug. 22, 2002

"There's an old saying in Tennessee—I know it's in Texas, probably in Tennessee—that says, fool me once, shame on—shame on you. Fool me—you can't get fooled again."—Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 17, 2002

"I was proud the other day when both Republicans and Democrats stood with me in the Rose Garden to announce their support for a clear statement of purpose: you disarm, or we will."—Speaking about Saddam Hussein, Manchester, N.H., Oct. 5, 2002

"I need to be able to move the right people to the right place at the right time to protect you, and I'm not going to accept a lousy bill out of the United Nations Senate."—South Bend, Ind., Oct. 31, 2002

"These people don't have tanks. They don't have ships. They hide in caves. They send suiciders out."—Speaking about terrorists, Portsmouth, N.H., Nov. 1, 2002

"I think the American people—I hope the American—I don't think, let me—I hope the American people trust me."—Washington, D.C., Dec. 18, 2002

"The war on terror involves Saddam Hussein because of the nature of Saddam Hussein, the history of Saddam Hussein, and his willingness to terrorize himself."—Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 29, 2003

"When Iraq is liberated, you will be treated, tried and persecuted as a war criminal."—Washington, D.C., Jan. 22, 2003

"And, most importantly, Alma Powell, secretary of Colin Powell, is with us."—Washington, D.C., Jan. 30, 2003

"[The Space Shuttle] Columbia carried in its payroll classroom experiments from some of our students in America."—Bethesda, Md., Feb. 3, 2003

"I don't bring God into my life to—to, you know, kind of be a political person."—Interview with Tom Brokaw aboard Air Force One, April 24, 2003

"We've got hundreds of sites to exploit, looking for the chemical and biological weapons that we know Saddam Hussein had prior to our entrance into Iraq."—Santa Clara, Calif., May 2, 2003

"I think war is a dangerous place."—Washington, D.C., May 7, 2003

"I've got very good relations with President Mubarak and Crown Prince Abdallah and the King of Jordan, Gulf Coast countries."—Washington, D.C., May 29, 2003

"I recently met with the finance minister of the Palestinian Authority, was very impressed by his grasp of finances."—Washington, D.C., May 29, 2003

"I urge the leaders in Europe and around the world to take swift, decisive action against terror groups such as Hamas, to cut funding and support, as the United States has done."—Washington, D.C., June 25, 2003

"You've also got to measure in order to begin to effect change that's just more—when there's more than talk, there's just actual—a paradigm shift."—Washington, D.C., July 1, 2003

"My answer is bring them on."—On Iraqi militants attacking US forces, Washington, D.C., July 3, 2003

"It's very interesting when you think about it, the slaves who left here to go to America, because of their steadfast and their religion and their belief in freedom, helped change America."—Dakar, Senegal, July 8, 2003

"Our country puts $1 billion a year up to help feed the hungry. And we're by far the most generous nation in the world when it comes to that, and I'm proud to report that. This isn't a contest of who's the most generous. I'm just telling you as an aside. We're generous. We shouldn't be bragging about it. But we are. We're very generous."—Washington, D.C., July 16, 2003

"Security is the essential roadblock to achieving the road map to peace."—Washington, D.C., July 25, 2003

"[T]hat's just the nature of democracy. Sometimes pure politics enters into the rhetoric."—Crawford, Texas, Aug. 8, 2003

"We had a chance to visit with Teresa Nelson who's a parent, and a mom or a dad."—Jacksonville, Florida, Sept. 9, 2003

"I glance at the headlines just to kind of get a flavor for what's moving. I rarely read the stories, and get briefed by people who are probably read the news themselves."—Washington, D.C., Sept. 21, 2003

"See, free nations are peaceful nations. Free nations don't attack each other. Free nations don't develop weapons of mass destruction."—Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 3, 2003

But back to Dec. 19, 2000:

"If this were a dictatorship, it would be a heck of a lot easier—so long as I'm the dictator."

Singapore to US non-stop flights

ANALYSIS

Amando Doronila

SINGAPORE—Singapore Airlines, Asia's biggest airline in value, broke another ground in aviation history by launching here on Wednesday the first non-stop commercial flight between Singapore and the mainland United States.

The inaugural flight, using the long-range Airbus 340-500, will take off from Changi Airport on Feb. 3, 2004, and arrive 16 hours later at Los Angeles. The Los Angeles flights will cut flying time by one and a half to two hours, from the present one-stop flights. The return flight will take about 18.5 hours.

The flagship flight, called A345 Leadership, is the airline's cutting edge in the planned expansion of its non-stop flights between Singapore and other key gateway cities in the United States; including New York. In August 2004, SIA will inaugurate a non-stop service between Singapore and New York City. The flight will take about 18 hours each way, slashing flying time by as much as six hours on the flight from Singapore to New York and around two hours from New York to Singapore.

The service was unveiled in a hi-tech presentation to the international press at Swissotel The Stamford. The launch was SIA's, if not Singapore's, message that they had put behind them the devastating effect of the Iraq war and the SARS epidemic.

The launch was made in the midst of buoyant business forecasts of a dynamic growth for Singapore for the next year by Singapore's economic officials. Speaking at the presentation, Michael J.N. Tan, executive vice president (commercial), conceded that the recent SARS virus combined with the Iraq war and economic uncertainty adversely affected SIA, as they did other airlines. "Fortunately, it was not a knockout blow for the travel and tourism industry," he said. "All said and done, the industry is very resilient. People all over the world enjoy traveling on business or for leisure, to engage and discover."

The launch took place while Singapore was hosting the World Economic Forum summit in which Prime Minister Go Chok Tong and Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew were playing high-profile roles as the summit examined the economic prospects of the region in the wake of the collapse of the world trade talks at Cancun and the new initiatives in Southeast Asia toward promoting intra-regional trade within the Association of Southeast Asian nations, rather than a multilateral trading system.

SIA cut flights by more than a third during the SARS outbreak and reported its first-ever quarterly loss of $312 million at the end of June. It now expects to restore nearly all the suspended flights by the end of the year. Figures from Changi Airport, on the rise of the number of flights and passenger traffic, reflect the strong rebound of the industry. British Airways last week reported that its Asia-Pacific passenger load factors have surpassed pre-SARS averages.

The Airbus Leadership service introduced the innovation which aimed at capturing the business executive market by slashing flight time and redesigning cabin configurations that did away with first class and upgrading the Raffles (business) Class and inaugurating a super economy class, called "Executive Economy."

The new service offers 117 Executive Economy Class seats in a 2-3-2 configuration with a wider seat and longer leg room and reclining seats. The Raffles Class cabin features 64 lie-flat spacebeds in a 2-2-2 layout, with a larger seat.

SIA decided against putting in a first class section, which would have taken up more space and raised operating costs. The service will have just 181 seats, nearly half of what similar-sized jets can carry. The theme of this renovation is cutting flying time and comfort for a category of passengers who value time on long-haul flights as those between the United States and Southeast Asia.

An innovation is a section in the aircraft in which passengers can socialize with self-service snacks and drinks and play CDs and games. What's the catch for these innovations? SIA in introducing the service, is tapping into the business clientele which accounts for the bulk of passenger traffic on the routes already served by SIA's one-stop flights on the long haul.

Tickets for the Singapore-Los Angeles flights began to go on sale this week. They will cost 5 to 10 percent more than the airline's regular one-stop flights to LA. According to industry sources, an economy class seat would cost more than $1,600, excluding agent service fees and bases, based on the basic fare of $1,550. The fittings of the new service were tailored to suit business class tastes.

One strategic reason for offering the non-stop service using Airbus 340-500 is stated by Tan, the SIA senior executive, who said, "Unless we are able to offer non-stop flights between Singapore and the United States, we will not make full use of the open skies agreement with the US," adding that it is difficult to continue to add one-stop flights because of restrictions imposed by countries along the way." Also, he said, "the non-stop service is an illustration of our competitive strategy, continued product innovation and differentiation for our customers. I believe the attraction of the new service lies both in the time saved and the convenience and comfort of not having to make an intermediate stop."

Tan said the break-even level on the new services would be higher than on other flights, and they would carry fewer passengers to give them more room.

All current SIA flights from Singapore to a US destination require stopover in Seoul, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Taipei, Amsterdam or Frankfurt. He is confident that the recovery of the airline industry offers a market that can be tapped by the new service. In the highly competitive airline industry, the determining principle is "innovate or perish."

Voting on HB 4110

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

WHEN members of the House Committee on Health arrived at the Batasan gates Wednesday last week, they were met by opponents of HB 4110 or the Reproductive Health Care Bill who began handing them stampitas bearing religious images, such as that of the Virgin Mary, and messages exhorting them to vote against the bill.

On the other side of the entrance was a more numerous group of the bill's supporters, mobilized mainly by the members of the Reproductive Health Advocacy Network or RHAN, and composed mostly of women from urban poor communities where RHAN member-organizations provide health services. The "pro" groups were cheering and applauding, especially for known supporters of the measure.

While the committee meeting was taking place, the "antis" began to say the Rosary out loud. The "pro" groups sought to counter this by chanting and shouting slogans extolling reproductive health.

You don't need any more graphic proof of the divisiveness of the bill—and of the issue of reproductive health—than the scenario at the Batasan gates that day. And in the next few weeks, expect a textbook case study on the complex web of politics, religion, class, gender and sex as the legislature considers the passage of the measure into law.

By a vote of 17-10, the House Committee on Health voted HB 4110 out of committee, paving the way for floor debates. Already, both sides are flexing their muscles for a bitter battle, albeit one waged mostly with words and arguments. The bill's authors are confident they have the numbers needed for passage by the House, but Church authorities have vowed to marshal their forces and defeat the bill. Already, a provincial governor supportive of reproductive health and rights has warned that the congressmen from not just his province but also from the other provinces on their island have told him they would be voting "No," after the archbishop summoned them on the matter.

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THIS is the same tactic that Catholic bishops resorted to in the last Congress to intimidate legislators and defeat the so-called "sin" bills. Sure enough, one by one, the bills' sponsors withdrew their support for the controversial measures. Bishops in the districts of the authors of HB 4110 resorted to similar tactics this time around, summoning the legislators and requiring them to face hostile crowds of interrogators. But when many of the sponsors refused to abandon the measure, the bishops and their supporters ratcheted up the pressure.

Priests began fulminating against the reproductive health care act in their Sunday homilies, even naming the local legislator especially if he or she had been identified as an author or supporter of the bill. Then bishops issued pastoral letters against the measure, churches and Catholic schools began displaying banners and streamers denouncing it, and roving bands began regular pickets in front of the authors' homes.

In one Catholic school in Bohol, a visiting doctor from Cebu was the main speaker in a symposium on HB 4110, where he denounced the bill as being a veiled attempt to legalize abortion and encourage promiscuity especially among young people. One faculty member, who is also a lawyer, then stood up and said that she had just read a copy of the bill and wanted to know where the doctor based his claims since she saw nothing in the bill's wording to support his suppositions. Instead of answering her, the doctor proclaimed that "the devil works through many agents and one of them is present in this room." "Are you referring to me?" the teacher wanted to know. "Yes, and I must ask you to leave this room," he replied. "I teach in this school and you have no right to drive me away," the teacher said, standing her ground. The symposium was promptly ended.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE, the bill's opponents tried other, more underhanded tactics. First, they found a supporter in the head of the health committee secretariat, who dilly-dallied in scheduling hearings on the measure, then would abruptly cancel meetings and hearings without informing the bill's authors.

Health Committee chair Rep. Antonio Yapha Jr. of Cebu started out as one of HB 4110's authors, but as the Church's pressure built up, his support cooled and he refused to call any more meetings until the bill's supporters successfully lobbied him to bring the debates to a conclusion.

At the executive committee meeting last week, Yapha finally revealed his true colors. Declaring that he could not defend the bill competently on the floor, he stepped down as committee chair and yielded it to vice chair Rep. Nerissa Soon-Ruiz, also from Cebu, who promptly called for a vote on the measure.

Even with the loss of Soon-Ruiz who could vote only in case of a tie, the bill's supporters mustered the numbers and managed to pass the bill out of committee.

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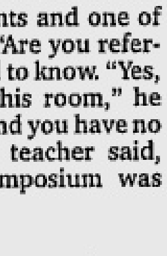
SO who do we have to thank for the passage out of committee of HB 4110? Representatives Bellaflor Angara-Castillo, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Leonila Chavez, Del de Guzman, Mauricio Domogan, Josefina Joson, Jose Carlos Lacson, Kriselle Lagman-Luistro, Ma. Blanca Kim Bernardo-Lokin, Emilio Macias II, Satur Ocampo, Gilbert Remulla, Pat Sarenas, Lorna Silverio, Jose Solis and Arthur Pingoy Jr. Actually, the bill received 25 votes, but since the others were not committee members, their votes were not counted—but certainly appreciated!

And the 10 who voted against the bill? Representatives Roberto Cajes, Edgar Chatto, Jose Gullas, Eladio Jala, Simeon Kintanar, Bam Mitra, Prospero Pichay, Antonino Roman, Yapha and Eduardo Zialcita. There's an interesting geographical symmetry in these votes: Chatto, Gullas, Kintanar and Yapha are all from Cebu, while Cajes and Jala are from Bohol, two provinces where the power of the Church is apparently paramount.

Annual reports

LOOKING BACK



Ambeth R. Ocampo

AT THE START of each semester I walk into three classrooms, and in each I am followed by 60 or 70 pairs of eyes and ears. For those unaccustomed to it, the experience can be terrifying and can cause stage fright, but then I look back into those faces wondering whether this will be the batch from which another historian will spring. Looking back on my own undergraduate history class under Helen Tubangui two decades ago, I wonder if she had similar sentiments in those long and dedicated years of teaching Philippine history. Miss Tubangui introduced me to: the 55-volume compilation of documents by "Blair and Robertson," the Philippine Commission Reports, and the Reports of the Governors General. The task was simple, go through these books and write a short paper on anything that caught our fancy. While most of my classmates grumbled and did the minimum to comply with the requirement, I gathered more data than I needed for my paper. In fact, I have continually consulted these sources over the years always looking back to those assignments that clarified my career path.

Kyoto is entering autumn and it has been the temperature rather than the leaves that have been falling at a steady rate. A warm body would definitely provide more bedside comfort than the Philippine Commission Reports for 1911, 1913 and 1915 but then old books induce these columns. Someone should have warned me earlier that the historian's life is solitary.

The 1913 report had a number of interesting photographs. One had a horse-drawn carriage going down a trail lined with pine trees and the caption read, "Among the Baguio Pines. The cool climate of the wonderful summer capital of the Philippines has proved most beneficial in the treatment of tuberculosis."

This is an aspect of Baguio that tourists, both foreign and domestic, forget these days. Another plate showed pretty Filipina nurses in the Philippine General Hospital posing in front of two beds lined with 23 newly-born infants in various degrees of slumber and thumb-sucking. Only one was crying its lungs out for the camera. One wished these reports had more pictures that said more than the boring text. My favorite photo showed a man-made pool, the caption reads: "Lubuagan Swimming Pool. We are trying to teach the Igorots that cleanliness is next to godliness. This recently constructed swimming pool, some 10 feet in depth, is full of men and boys from daylight until dark." How come the women and girls were not anywhere near the pool?

Annual reports are usually full of data, tables and statistics with very little narrative to keep a reader going. The 1913 report was made more engaging by Dean C. Worcester, secretary of the interior, who supplied the photographs described above and some tidbits picked up from his inspection trip that took him to Nueva Vizcaya, Mountain Province, Ifugao, Bontoc, Kalinga Apayao, Lepanto, Amburayan, Benguet as well as Mindoro, Palawan and Agusan. The Cordillera part is quite informative regarding the building of roads, tunnels and paths that made the mountains accessible to low-landers. Worcester, despite his later reputation as someone who used his position to exploit the Cordilleras and their people, dismissed an American colonial official for misconduct. The report reads in part:

"On April 30, 1913, Col. John B. Bennet, Philippine Constabulary, verbally reported to me that on April 24, he had found in the constabulary barracks at Cervantes an Igorot prisoner tied by his raised hands in such a manner that his heels did not touch the floor, so that he was suffering severe bodily pain. The corporal who had tied the man in this position stated that he had done so by verbal order of the lieutenant governor, Mr. W. A. Miller. As my annual inspection trip through this sub-province was to be made a few days later, I took no action until I could look into the facts on the ground. Lt. Gov. Miller emphatically denied having ordered the man tied in such fashion or otherwise made to suffer pain. The Igorot himself testified that when Lt. Gov. Miller had entered the barracks and seen him tied up, he had immediately ordered him cut down, but as Miller denied having even known of the infliction of the torture prior to the time when informed of it by Col. Bennet, this testimony did not exculpate him. He admitted having given an order to have this man taken out and shot when he turned him over to the constabulary corporal, and having arranged to have a shot fired shortly after he had been taken out, his object being to terrorize a prisoner charged with robbery from whom he wished to extract a confession.

"This latter act alone afforded sufficient ground for Miller's immediate separation from the service...Miller's conduct in this manner was without precedent, justification or excuse, and if he was actually guilty of ordering this man tortured in order to extract information from him, it is to be hoped that the penalty imposed will be such as effectively to deter any officer or employee of any provincial government from committing such a crime in the future."

Naturally, colonial sources will claim such misconduct is an isolated case. But then an Igorot getting justice is even more isolated a case. We will never know what is not in the Annual reports.

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More than just an ally

COMMENTARY

Eloisa Felicio Callender

WHEN US President George W. Bush visits the Philippines on Oct. 18, he will find not only an ally in the war on terrorism but a leader whose own personal and political history mirrors his own.

Like Bush, Philippine President Macapagal-Arroyo is the child of a former president. Like Bush, she took office amid disputes over the legitimacy of her regime. And like Bush, her political future hinges on the war against terrorism.

Ms Macapagal was handed the presidency by the Philippine Supreme Court following the ouster of corrupt former President Joseph Estrada in a People Power uprising. Like Bush, whose own legitimacy was resolved by a sympathetic Supreme Court ruling, she was able to parlay an unremarkable start to her presidency by exploiting the events of 9/11.

Ms Macapagal was among the first to join Bush's coalition of the willing when the rest of the world deemed it a desperate idea. Many questioned her motives. Was she looking for terrorists as much as she was looking out for herself? Was she following in her father's footsteps whom, as Stanley Karnow writes in his Pulitzer Prize-winning book, "In Our Image: America's Empire in the Philippines," "the CIA had paid $50,000 during his term as vice president" and whom Karnow described as a "longtime clandestine agency informer"? If she was, Ms Macapagal did better than her father. Big Sister Glo, as some Filipinos call her, wangled from Uncle Sam $100 million in military aid and $4.6 billion in investment commitments for her country.

Obviously aware that few politicians grant favors without a quid pro quo in mind, Ms Macapagal has supported America's unbridled militarism but neglected her own military which, despite the aid package, remains underpaid, underequipped, demoralized and overly politicized. When junior officers mounted a mutiny almost three months ago to expose corruption in the military—a gripe which more than half of the Filipinos believed was valid—Ms Macapagal was forced to hold kaffeeklatches with her soldiers to reach a shaky truce.

Fast becoming Asia's Tony Blair, Ms Macapagal added to her difficulties by declaring Oct. 4 that she will seek the presidency next year, reversing her declaration 10 months earlier that she would spare the country from divisive politics—for which she partly takes the blame—by stepping down at the end of her term.

Filipinos are calling Ms Macapagal a liar, but the real story is not the lie but the con. By faking disinterest in a second term, she duped the opposition, denying them time to consolidate forces while gaining a campaign head start for herself. But she also duped her countrymen and the bait and switch did not endear her to Filipinos who value *palabra de honor* (word of honor) even from politicians. Ms Macapagal's excuses for her turnaround, which she described as "exact(ing) more courage, more obedience to God and our people" were seen by many as expressions of a power-hungry, self-appointed messiah. Her God-made-me-do-it excuse backfired, so she shifted the blame for the broken promise to political foes who had accused her husband of corruption and money laundering. Her enemies, not God, made her do it. Tsk, tsk. A liar and finger-pointer.

All this lying presents a learning opportunity for President Bush, who did not endear himself to the world either with his unproven assertions of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. Blair and the "sexed-up" report on Iraq's weapons capability look like good candidates for blame-taking. The mess resulting from the war based on the al-Qaida-is-Osama-is-Saddam fuzzy logic? Blame it on the "filter" of the news media that Bush says is blocking positive news from reaching Americans. The additional $87 billion needed to rebuild Iraq? Blame it on other countries who refuse to share war costs after Bush dissed them with his unilateralist policy. Other miscellaneous failures that may come up later? Blame them on the United Nations and the French.

Both presidents could also reflect on their shared family history of costly lies. Both their fathers had difficulty keeping promises. Bush *père* broke his "no new taxes" promise and lost his reelection bid. Ms Macapagal's father reneged on an agreement with a political ally not to seek a second term (sounds familiar?) and also lost his reelection bid.

Although this sounds like the death knell for Ms Macapagal, don't count her out. With elections just seven months away, the opposition is discombobulated in a late scramble for a viable candidate. In a country where the phrase "my President" takes on a literal ring and where powerbrokers wield more power than power holders, potential opposition candidates are still unable to set aside their egos and put their collective "guns, goons and gold" behind the candidate most likely to unseat Ms Macapagal. This was the whole point of the con and it seems to be succeeding. They might as well hand the presidency on a silver platter to one who was born with a silver spoon in her mouth.

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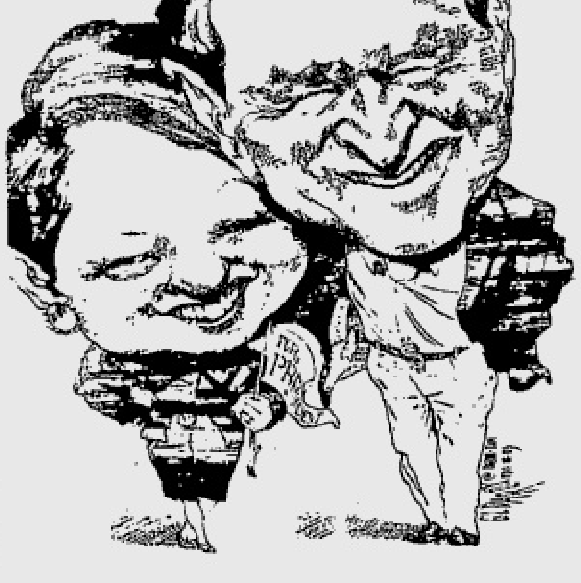
IN THE NEWS



Glo and Dubya

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Reconsider decision on Pinoy football team

HOWEVER well said or well put, the decision of our Southeast Asian Games technical commission not to include "men's football" in the Vietnam games is another one of those self-inflicted blows against the promotion and development of the "World's No. 1 Sport" in our country. Not that I blame them for it. Numerous actions and omissions by the Philippine Football Federation (PFF) has had me weeping too, but I believe that sooner or later, some good will come of it. The men's national squad is one of those. Better known in football circles as the RP U-23, they will probably be slaughtered, thrashed or clobbered by a number of our Southeast Asian brothers—but not all! And we may even come off with a draw or sneak in a miraculous win somewhere. But that's not really it, is it?

This is about medals—the gold, silver and bronze of it. And the football medal—the most cherished gold of all—is still some years away. But still, the Philippine Olympic Commission and Philippine Sports Commission did consider—albeit half-heartedly—on the condition that the PFF would bring on seven "Fil-foreigners" to boost the squad's competitive edge and rebuild it in the fashion of our Busan basketball professionals. But the PFF failed to produce its version of the "Magnificent Seven." And I suppose, now armed with a valid reason to thumb down the attempt, the SEA commission shot down our football balloon even before it went up.

Big and lofty dreams of victory? Heavens, no! Just little ones about kicking balls against footballers from beyond our shores. The SEA Games is the single most perfect opportunity to actually "get lucky and win something." It is perhaps the "lightest" meet in all of international football. The Asiad, Olympics and World Cup qualifiers are the real ultimate tournaments most local aficionados loathe to remember—goals and all. But the SEA? Now that's more within our league, at this time.

So how can we not be a part of it? How can we cancel our football reservations in the SEA Games? How can every nation in this part of the globe be wrong? In some aspects, our PFF—past and present—has undoubtedly failed football. But must the POC and PSC wallow in this trend as well?

Football alone should be reason enough to be in Vietnam. Should the decision not to send the RP U-23 squad stand, we will be the only country in Southeast Asia that will not get dressed in men's football wear. And just as bad, we will be known as the game's perennial "KJs."

Dear Celso Dayrit and Eric Buhain: This is much more than just about winning or losing out on medals. This is about national pride we're so short of and about being part of something worth our while. Please reconsider the decision on men's football if only for the good of our game.

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Misdirected message of advertisement

THE ADVERTISEMENT in the INQUIRER (PDI, 10/2/03) that says that the Senate has done nothing, reflects the frustrations of people who seek speedy and fast remedies to their problems without reference as to how those concerns are addressed.

Poverty, peace and criminality, including corruption are among the quadruple evils that plague the country and put to risk the lives and liberties of the people and make a mockery of good governance, which they expect the Senate to remedy.

While there is basis for the agonized cry of the purveyors of the message contained in the INQUIRER ad, it must be said that the Senate has done what is expected of it and within the time frame allotted for full discussion and honest debate on matters that affect the public interest, it has done what it is capable of doing.

Perhaps, the ad should be directed to the administration and its cohorts in government because it is their call as to what aspects of the people's concerns should be given priority in the implementation of existing laws, in the release of funds for projects already funded by Congress and in the planning for the future.

Let it be said that investigations into abuses of power and corruption in government are an integral part of the duties of the Senate. And the investigations that are done on the mornings of session days do not in any way detract from the performance of the functions of the Senate as a lawmaking body that we do in the afternoons of session days.

The impression, then, that is being created—perhaps deliberately and maliciously—by some people is without basis.

I can only pray that our people are not misled by such torpid message as that found in the ad referred to because it is actually an insidious attempt to picture what is a truly democratic, deliberative agency of government as immaterial and irrelevant to the needs of the nation.

Finally, we might pose the question: Is this ad a part of the call to abolish democratic institutions and their substitution by autocratic units of governance so that a favored few would rule over the excluded masses of the people?

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Here comes Caesar

BILL Clinton also did it. Although the controversial (who could forget Monica Lewinsky?) American president only stayed in the Philippines for six hours, his visit made an impact. That one has been written into the pages of history.

It's now the turn of George W. Bush, the equally, if not more, controversial incumbent American President, to come to the Philippine shores. (Who else do people blame for the decision to attack Iraq? Who else could make the sweeping and strong statement, "We will make them pay!" on worldwide TV after the 9/11 tragedy?)

As to the rationale behind the visit, it has practically become the subject of many discussions and arguments (something that we Filipinos are very good at).

Is he into some courtin' again for another nasty idea cooking up? Or is it just for plain show of support and courtesy for a beleaguered country?

Suspicious brows have been raised and inventive minds have started massaging their imaginations, but in times like this we cannot afford to be selfishly arrogant and narrow-minded. We all subscribe to the truth that the United States is still, and shall always be, the superpower that it is.

It is the giant that the likes of Saddam Hussein, Osama bin Laden, Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi, Abu Sabaya and a host of big-time and small-time terrorists enjoy teasing. Now, can you blame the giant for having awakened to the cries of its allies?

It is in this light that I see Bush's visit to the Philippines as a move aimed at thwarting the growing and increasing fear gradually sown by terrorism.

Sure, we have a colorful past with the United States, characterized by a "we support you-we support you not" relationship. There have been issues in the past over which we tangled with the United States, its sincerity and motives in question. But with this alarmingly worldwide concern over terrorism, we cannot afford to be arrogant and bullheaded with our nationalism and patriotism, while depriving ourselves of the technology and resources readily available in the form of aids.

Of course, we have to deal with each of the issues involving our two countries later on. Is it really the typical Mang Pandoy that Uncle Sam intends to help, or is Bush just forging a pact with President Macapagal-Arroyo for agenda that have yet to surface?

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Death wish

THE COLLAPSE of the Cancun talks has been described in the magazine The Economist as one that leaves the whole multilateral system, namely the World Trade Organization, in peril. No more accurate conclusion could have been made. Even before the Cancun talks began, advocates were already talking about a scenario where a Cancun collapse would be the best option available for poor countries trying to play catch-up. Indeed, our trade secretary proclaimed himself elated after the G21 group, of which the Philippines is a part, walked out of the talks. That is certainly a most deplorable reaction. The G21's mind-set was not to negotiate at all but to stubbornly insist on certain issues without compromise. The talks were doomed to fail from the very start. Of course, it was not entirely the G21's fault. The obstinate inability of the developed countries to stop monstrous subsidies to its farming sectors gives Third World countries every right to walk out of the negotiations.

But the group should view the WTO as the only avenue available to get concessions otherwise impossible in bilateral trade deals. We should work on strengthening it rather than destroying it. Being caught up in the euphoria of saying no to the richer countries is one of the worse attitudes to bring to the negotiating table. Cancun was not just about impeding further agricultural liberalization. It was not even about subordinating ourselves to American interests. It was about strengthening the WTO as a credible institutional framework for our own safety and survival. Globalization may be impeded but it can never be stopped. We should work with that framework in mind.

Multilateral institutions such as the United Nations and the WTO give poor countries more power than they can ever have when they deal on their own with their far wealthier counterparts. What the G21 ministers did at Cancun was certainly a death wish for the WTO and one which will exact a heavy toll from us, much to our suffering.

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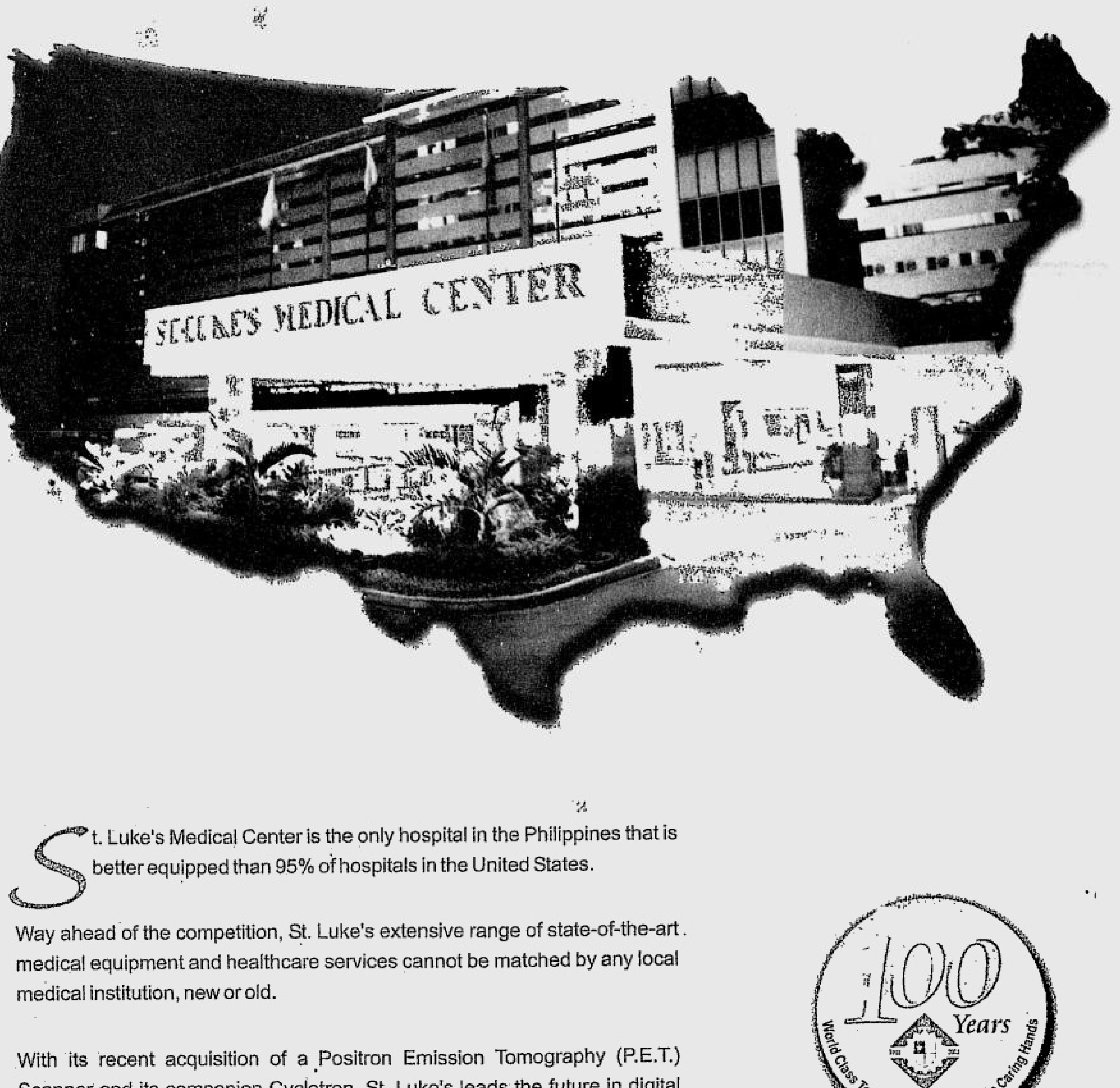

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Top officials of GSIS asked to quit amid mess

By Tonette Orejas
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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—A group of school teachers challenged top officials of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) to quit amid the delay in the release of loans and benefits of members and despite the attempts by top GSIS officials to explain the financial mess the fund is in.

The call was made as Winston Garcia, GSIS president and general manager, cast himself as a reform-minded technocrat amid calls for an investigation of his alleged fund mismanagement.

Garcia spoke about having "sleepless nights" over the computerization program he introduced to help reverse the "decades of neglect" at the state-run pension firm.

That plan, he added, was his "only option," which he called unpopular.

"This is about looking at your future," he told the state workers who had questioned the delayed payment of retirement benefits and the suspension of loans.

He said he preferred having a "peace of mind" by acting on the agency's problems.

These problems included having an unreliable database and P106 billion worth of receivables from the premiums of members and counterparts of state agencies.

Garcia used the analogy of water and pail to simplify the current state of GSIS. Some members, he said, do not put enough water into the pail.

"A lot of agencies are taking advantage of the GSIS' inefficiency," he said.

The GSIS, established 60 years ago, has more than 1.5 million members all over the country. Garcia did not say how many members were not paying their contributions or had actually availed of social security benefits.

According to him, the Department of Education alone has receivables worth P11 billion. He said the GSIS had begun reconciling the receivables and would, after two months, file cases against agencies that have accumulated billions in unpaid premiums.

On fears that the GSIS was already bankrupt, Garcia said: "There's nothing to worry with our financial situation but the future would be affected if we don't act now."

In the dialogue, the Central Luzon Public School Teachers Association challenged Garcia and other GSIS officials to resign if they could not solve the problem until April 2004.

But Garcia said: "We cannot undo in four months the decades of neglect."

In Cebu City, Garcia assured government workers that the P10,000 emergency loan will be released in two to three days. *With reports from Jhunnex Napallacan and Joey Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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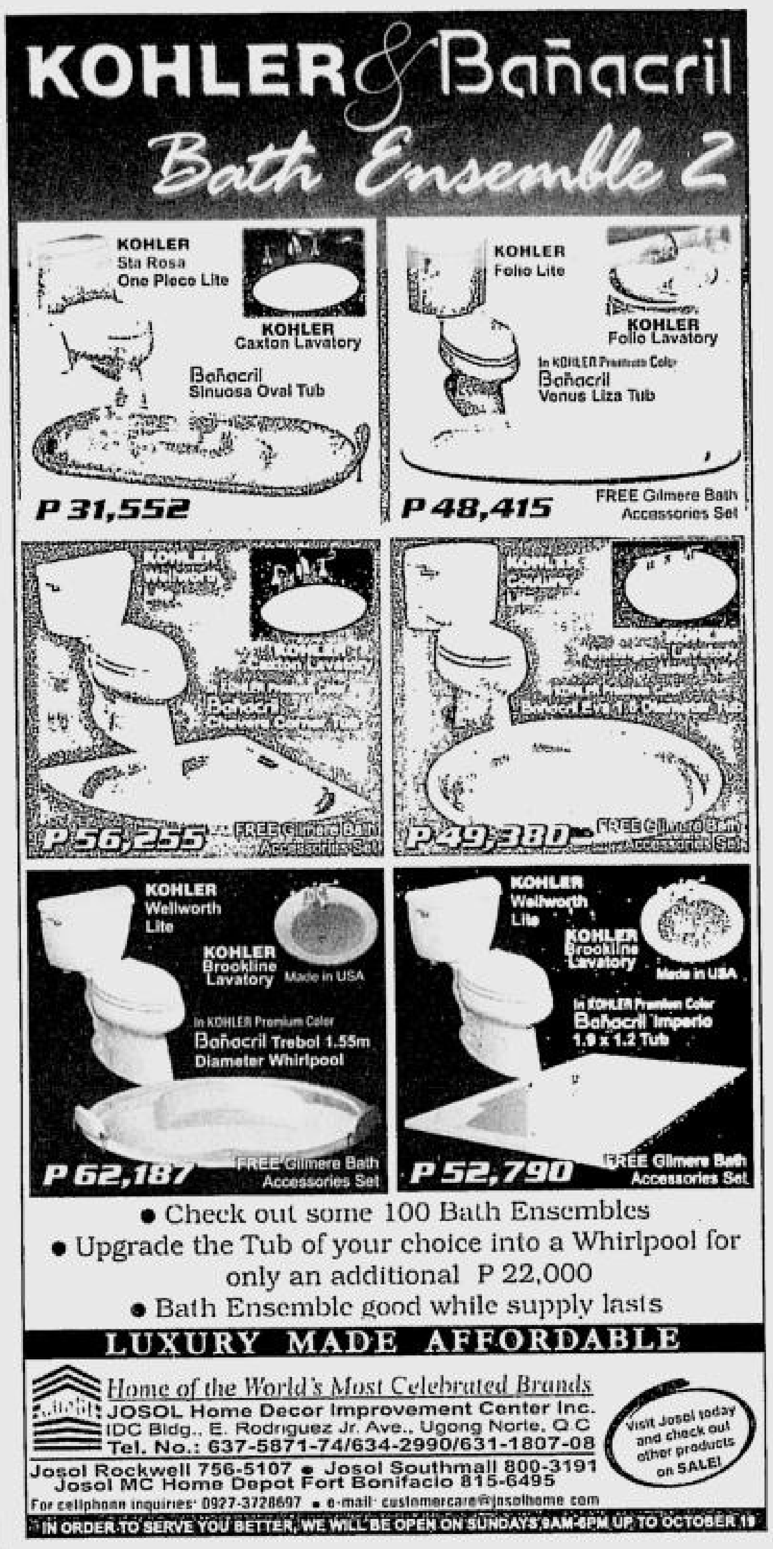
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Gunmen attack village of ex-MNLF members

KIDAPAWAN CITY—Unidentified armed men attacked a small village inhabited by former Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) rebels in Carmen, North Cotabato that resulted in the death of a villager early Wednesday.

Col. Isagani Cachuela, chief of the Army's 602nd Infantry Brigade based in Carmen, said residents of Aliodin Village fled because of fear.

The slain resident was identified as Pinlamban Pelayo. Reports said Pelayo died of multiple gunshot wounds.

At least eight houses and a vehicle were also burned in the 3 a.m. attack.

One of the razed houses was owned by MNLF leader Andis Aliodin.

"We immediately acted on it but no one was captured," he said.

But North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol said reports reaching him indicated that the suspects were militiamen.

Apparently, Piñol said, the group was targeting Commander Aliodin himself.

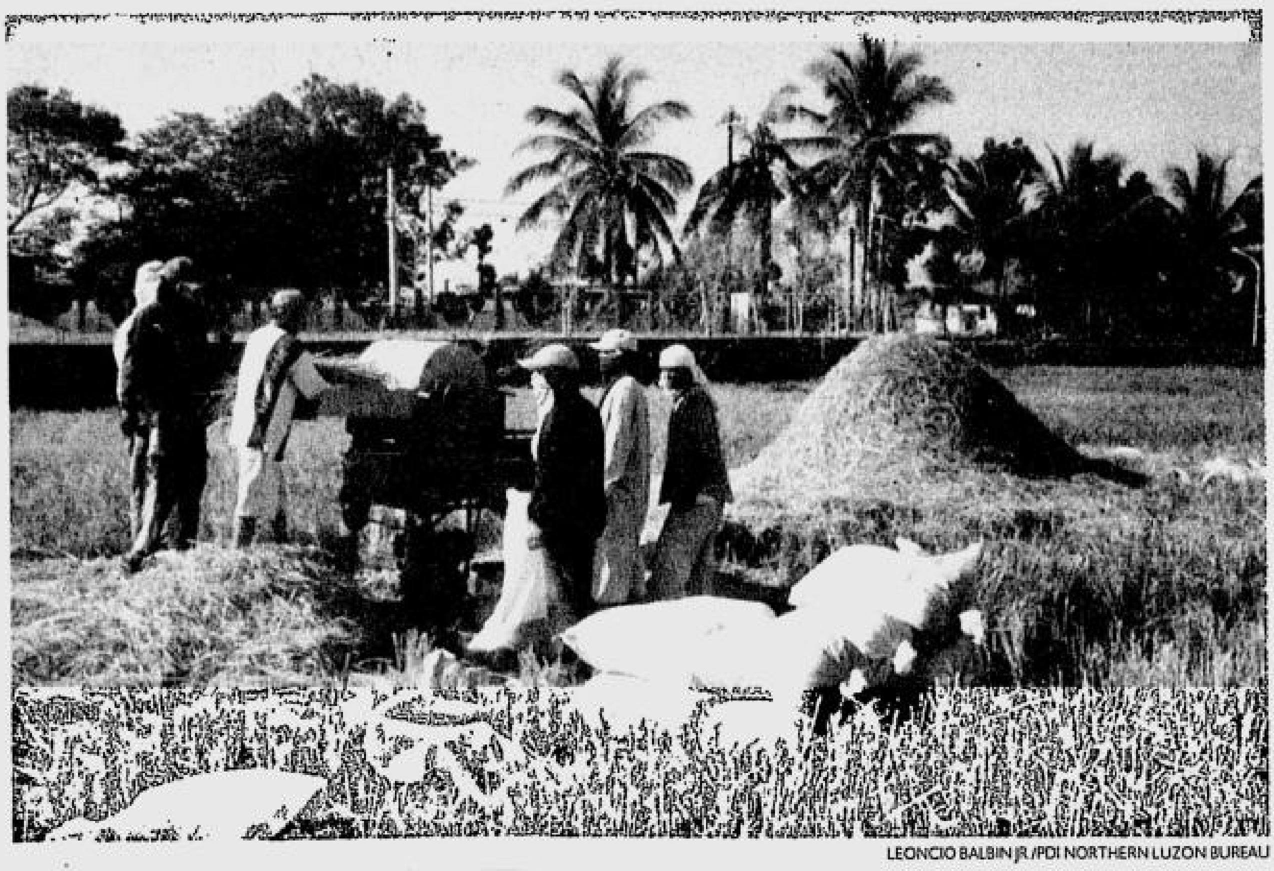
"I've already ordered an investigation on this. This appears to be reprisal move after the killing of Tambad Barangay chair Jeremias Tenefrancia," Piñol said.

Tenefrancia was killed early this month in the village.

"We are looking into the possibility that this incident stemmed from the killing of Tenefrancia," Cachuela said.

Cachuela said the military is now in control. He said the residents will return after the rebuilding of their houses.

The local government of Carmen has also distributed relief goods to the villagers. *Jeffrey Tupas, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



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No automated vote count in many areas

By Carla P. Gomez, *PDI Visayas Bureau*

BACOLOD CITY—The counting of votes in the 2004 elections might not be as swift as earlier expected because the Commission on Elections can only provide Automated Counting Machines (ACMs) in four areas.

Benjamin Abalos, Comelec chair, identified these areas as the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, including Isabela and Cotabato cities, Metro Manila and Greater Manila Area.

The other areas in the country, like Bacolod City and Negros Occidental, can conduct automated counting if the local government units decide to buy the required number of machines needed for their areas, he added.

Under the automated counting system, voters will know who won in their areas in about five hours after the counting starts.

The oversight committee of Congress has ruled that automated counting of ballots should be done at every voting center of towns and cities, Abalos said.

This means that having only one or two ACMs per town and city, as earlier planned by the Comelec, will not be allowed as these will not be enough, he said.

The oversight committee has required an ACM in each voting center because people are used to watching the counting right after the polls close in the areas where they voted, he said.

The Comelec, however, does not have enough ACMs for every voting center in the entire country, he said.

Negros Occidental has a voting population of 1.3 million and about 200,000 in Bacolod City, said provincial elections supervisor Marsha Cordero.

Abalos said the cities of Bacolod and Talisay signified their intention to buy the required number of ACMs for the 2004 million.

If they do, he said, the Comelec will allow automated counting in Bacolod and Talisay.

Cordero said Bacolod City needs 17 ACMs but Mayor Luzviminda Valdez earlier promised to buy 10 ACMs, which cost about P500,000 each.

Mining critics expose bid to rig referendum

By Melvin Gascon, *Northern Luzon Bureau*

BAYOMBONG, Nueva Vizcaya—Antimining groups revealed the supposed hauling of voters by a foreign mining company, purportedly in preparation for the coming referendum on mining in an ore-rich village in upland Kasibu town, some 70 kilometers from here.

Sister Maria Eden Orlino, director of the Diocesan Social Action Center (DSAC), said they have noted the arrival of new migrants in Barangay Didipio, whose residents are set to decide on the large-scale mining application of Australian firm Climax-Arimco Mining Co. (CAMC).

This developed even as antimining groups filed a petition seeking to cancel the referendum.

The Commission on Elections earlier ruled to hold a referendum to resolve the mining controversy that had polarized Didipio residents.

"What's very suspicious about this (migration) is that these people are identified to be pocket (small-scale) miners from Barangay Runruno and villagers that were previously hired by CAMC for its community organizing activities," Orlino said.

She also said that CAMC, using a company truck, has been regularly hauling Didipio villagers to the Comelec office in Barangay Poblacion for registration and re-validation of voters.

According to Orlino, CAMC offers free rides twice weekly from Didipio to the Comelec office and back, and a meal allowance of P100 for each voter.

Phil Nepomuceno, CAMC regional liaison manager, said the company did not have anything to do with the reported migration, but admitted they were offering free rides for villagers going to the Comelec office.

"You know the difficult road condition going to Didipio and our truck is the only vehicle that traverses it, so we offer this to them. I don't see anything wrong with that (gesture)," Nepomuceno told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

Cebu power outages alarm businessmen

By Jhunnex Napallacan, *PDI Visayas Bureau*

CEBU CITY—The business sector here is alarmed by the series of brownouts that hit Metro Cebu since last week.

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Carlos Co, CCCI president, said the brownouts adversely affected some industries, which are heavy users of power and have no power generators.

But even using power generators can be considered additional expenses, he added.

Co, however, said the effects of the brownouts on the business sector in general had been minimal.

Still, he added, the problem should be addressed immediately as it might discourage investors from pouring their money in Cebu.

The consumers within the franchise area of Veco have been experiencing brownouts since last week. The power firm supplies at least five towns and three cities in Metro Cebu.

Ethel Natera, Veco public relations assistant, said some establishments like a hotel in uptown Cebu and one shopping mall had complained to their office about the brownouts.

She, however, clarified that Veco had nothing to do with the brownouts because the problem was with Transco.

On Monday, Natera said Veco suffered the worst power shortage at 140 megawatts during its peak hours—11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.—affecting its 13 feeders.

The power shortage occurred due to the fault in Transco's Naga-Sigpit line inside the Salcon Power Plant in Naga town, Cebu at past 1 p.m.

Ben Ypil, Transco spokesperson, said the conductor in one of the structures of the Naga-Sigpit line was cut off.

The line fault prevented power from being supplied to thermal plants 1 and 2 of Salcon Power Corp.

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Voters urged not to elect NPA backers

CATBALOGAN, Samar—Lt. Gen. Jacinto Ligot, Armed Forces Central Command chief, has urged voters not to support politicians and elected officials who give "revolutionary taxes" to New People's Army (NPA) rebels.

"Giving aid to the enemy is a crime," said Ligot who was in Catbalogan last week to visit the Army's 8th Infantry Division based here.

In a news conference, Ligot said that if these politicians need security when campaigning in hinterland areas, they should ask from the military and police.

"We will give them security. And we will be happy in fact, if they should report to us who are extorting money from them so that we could act on this," he said.

Ligot said the people are free to vote for the candidates who will be able to help them.

"Following, this principle, they should likewise reject any candidates who support in whatever way the (Communist Party of the Philippines)-NPA," he added.

A ranking military official in Eastern Visayas earlier blamed the resurgence of the insurgency problem in the region to the cooperation extended by local chief executives.

Major Gen. Glenn Rabonza, commanding general of the 8th Infantry Division, had said he received reports that local officials were giving money to the rebels. *Marc Villavicencio, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Camps fighting for ARMM post clash, draw firearms

COTABATO CITY—A leadership crisis for over a year now continues to haunt the regional office of the Department of Transportation and Communication in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), and the problem resulted in a near shootout at the DOTC Compound here on Tuesday morning.

Police said cooler heads prevailed upon armed security escorts of Regional Secretary Camid Gandamra and Director Pama Dimapanat, both of DOTC-ARMM, that prevented violence.

Senior Supt. Peraco Macacua, city police chief, said the incident happened when the placard-bearing group of Dimapanat tried to occupy the regional office with Dimapanat assuming as the legitimate DOTC regional head.

The DOTC leadership crisis started last year when ARMM Gov. Parouk Hussin appointed Gandamra as the department regional secretary and whose appointment was approved by the Regional Legislative Assembly.

In the same year, the governor also appointed Dimapanat, a recommendee of Maguindanao Rep. Didagen Dilangalen, as director III.

A few months later, allegedly through Dilangalen's influence, Hussin promoted Dimapanat to director IV.

The promotion prompted Dimapanat to assert that he is the rightful DOTC-ARMM head and not Gandamra because under the law creating ARMM, DOTC is not among the 10 devolved departments and the regional cabinet post is non-existent.

The ARMM governor considered Dimapanat's move as undermining his leadership.

"It never occurred to me that this director had evil intentions," said Hussin. *Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

China source of bad medicines

BAGUIO CITY—Officials of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) said the antibiotics that made babies ill last week came from China and not from India.

Dr. Manuel Factora, BGHMC director, said their investigation showed that the Penicillin G Sodium (a brand name of the generic antibiotic benzylpenicillin sodium) was manufactured by the China National Pharmaceutical.

K.R.R. Pillai, first secretary of the Indian Embassy, had asked the BGHMC to clarify reports that the medicines that had caused allergic reaction to babies came from India.

Last week, eight babies who were confined at the pediatrics ward of BGHMC suffered a series of discomforts 30 minutes after the medical staff administered the Penicillin G.

The report quoted BGHMC head pharmacist Celia Lazatin as saying that the hospital had been using the drug for three years now.

According to her, the drug was imported by local suppliers from India. Investigation, however, showed that the Penicillin G came from China, Lazatin said on Thursday. *Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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Among those invited to the dialogue on Friday were the National Transmission Corp. (Transco), National Power Corp. (Napocor), Cebu Private Power Corp. (CPPC), Toledo Power Corp. (TPC), Visayan Electric Co. (Veco), Salcon Power Corp., Mactan Electric Co. (Meco) and the Cebu Electric Cooperative (Cebeco).

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But even using power generators can be considered additional expenses, he added.

Co, however, said the effects of the brownouts on the business sector in general had been minimal.

Still, he added, the problem should be addressed immediately as it might discourage investors from pouring their money in Cebu.

The consumers within the franchise area of Veco have been experiencing brownouts since last week. The power firm supplies at least five towns and three cities in Metro Cebu.

Ethel Natera, Veco public relations assistant, said some establishments like a hotel in uptown Cebu and one shopping mall had complained to their office about the brownouts.

She, however, clarified that Veco had nothing to do with the brownouts because the problem was with Transco.

On Monday, Natera said Veco suffered the worst power shortage at 140 megawatts during its peak hours—11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.—affecting its 13 feeders.

The power shortage occurred due to the fault in Transco's Naga-Sigpit line inside the Salcon Power Plant in Naga town, Cebu at past 1 p.m.

Ben Ypil, Transco spokesperson, said the conductor in one of the structures of the Naga-Sigpit line was cut off.

The line fault prevented power from being supplied to thermal plants 1 and 2 of Salcon Power Corp.

LOCAL WARRIOR EV ESPIRITU-PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

Actors belonging to a Cordillera theater group dramatize their protest against globalization and the visit of US President George Bush. An actor representing a local warrior prepares to attack an actor representing the comic character Captain America.

Voters urged not to elect NPA backers

CATBALOGAN, Samar—Lt. Gen. Jacinto Ligot, Armed Forces Central Command chief, has urged voters not to support politicians and elected officials who give "revolutionary taxes" to New People's Army (NPA) rebels.

"Giving aid to the enemy is a crime," said Ligot who was in Catbalogan last week to visit the Army's 8th Infantry Division based here.

In a news conference, Ligot said that if these politicians need security when campaigning in hinterland areas, they should ask from the military and police.

"We will give them security. And we will be happy in fact, if they should report to us who are extorting money from them so that we could act on this," he said.

Ligot said the people are free to vote for the candidates who will be able to help them.

"Following, this principle, they should likewise reject any candidates who support in whatever way the (Communist Party of the Philippines)-NPA," he added.

A ranking military official in Eastern Visayas earlier blamed the resurgence of the insurgency problem in the region to the cooperation extended by local chief executives.

Major Gen. Glenn Rabonza, commanding general of the 8th Infantry Division, had said he received reports that local officials were giving money to the rebels. *Marc Villavicencio, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Camps fighting for ARMM post clash, draw firearms

COTABATO CITY—A leadership crisis for over a year now continues to haunt the regional office of the Department of Transportation and Communication in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), and the problem resulted in a near shootout at the DOTC Compound here on Tuesday morning.

Police said cooler heads prevailed upon armed security escorts of Regional Secretary Camid Gandamra and Director Pama Dimapanat, both of DOTC-ARMM, that prevented violence.

Senior Supt. Peraco Macacua, city police chief, said the incident happened when the placard-bearing group of Dimapanat tried to occupy the regional office with Dimapanat assuming as the legitimate DOTC regional head.

The DOTC leadership crisis started last year when ARMM Gov. Parouk Hussin appointed Gandamra as the department regional secretary and whose appointment was approved by the Regional Legislative Assembly.

In the same year, the governor also appointed Dimapanat, a recommendee of Maguindanao Rep. Didagen Dilangalen, as director III.

A few months later, allegedly through Dilangalen's influence, Hussin promoted Dimapanat to director IV.

The promotion prompted Dimapanat to assert that he is the rightful DOTC-ARMM head and not Gandamra because under the law creating ARMM, DOTC is not among the 10 devolved departments and the regional cabinet post is non-existent.

The ARMM governor considered Dimapanat's move as undermining his leadership.

"It never occurred to me that this director had evil intentions," said Hussin. *Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

China source of bad medicines

BAGUIO CITY—Officials of the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) said the antibiotics that made babies ill last week came from China and not from India.

Dr. Manuel Factora, BGHMC director, said their investigation showed that the Penicillin G Sodium (a brand name of the generic antibiotic benzylpenicillin sodium) was manufactured by the China National Pharmaceutical.

K.R.R. Pillai, first secretary of the Indian Embassy, had asked the BGHMC to clarify reports that the medicines that had caused allergic reaction to babies came from India.

Last week, eight babies who were confined at the pediatrics ward of BGHMC suffered a series of discomforts 30 minutes after the medical staff administered the Penicillin G.

The report quoted BGHMC head pharmacist Celia Lazatin as saying that the hospital had been using the drug for three years now.

According to her, the drug was imported by local suppliers from India. Investigation, however, showed that the Penicillin G came from China, Lazatin said on Thursday. *Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Countdown for Justice

WAPILE

IT is exactly 522 days today since Pagadian journalist Edgar Damalerio was slain in cold blood. The principal suspect, police officer Guillermo Wapile, remains at large after escaping while in the custody of the police.

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Malacañang fiesta for Bush readied

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smiling. "President Macapagal-Arroyo" and "First Gentleman Juan Miguel Arroyo" received them.

(Of course, they were mere body doubles. A man and a woman from the US Embassy served as the US first couple, and a Filipino security aide and a member of the protocol staff, as Ms Macapagal and her husband.)

The national anthems of the two countries were played at the start of the military arrival honors. "Ms Macapagal" led "Bush" in a pass and review of the honor guard battalion, then introduced him and his party to a reception line of Philippine officials before they made the ceremonial walk to the Palace.

Overhead, a Black Hawk and two other helicopters hovered.

All set

Ambassador Victoriano Lecaros, designated spokesperson for the Bush visit, explained the unusual preparations in a briefing after the 12-minute arrival ceremony.

"We're all set. Although this is one in a series of official visits, this one goes deeper than the usual because of our emotional attachment," he said, adding that the presence of more than two million Filipino-Americans in the United States proved this.

Lecaros said the dress rehearsal was meant to simulate the precise movements for the eight-hour visit.

The rehearsal actually started at the Villamor Air Base in Pasay City, where Air Force One carrying Bush and his wife, a number of officials and a big group of American journalists will land, according to Lecaros.

Per the details released by the Palace, Air Force One is expected to land at Villamor's Ages Aviation Center tarmac area at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Bush will proceed to the Rizal Park to lay a wreath at the monument to Philippine national hero Jose Rizal, and arrive in Malacañang at 1 p.m. for full military honors.

After the ceremonial walk of the two leaders, Bush will sign the Palace guest book at the top of the grand staircase before sitting down for their one-on-one meeting in the Study Room.

They will be joined later by their respective Cabinet officials, which for the Philippines will include Foreign Secretary Blas Ople, Defense Secretary Eduardo Ermita and National Security Adviser Roilo Golez.

Lecaros said Condoleezza Rice, Bush's national security adviser, would be among the US officials present.

Media spray

After the two meetings expected to take more than one hour, the two leaders will proceed to what the Americans call a "media spray," or something like a press conference.

"They will deliver their short statements," Lecaros said.

Bush and his party will then prepare to leave for the Batasang Pambansa, where he will deliver a 30-minute speech starting at 3:30 p.m. The speech before a joint session of the Philippine Congress will be "something very significant to the region," Lecaros said.

Whether Bush will travel to Quezon City by land or by air, Lecaros could not say.

"The PSG [Presidential Security Group] is keeping it close to their chest," he said. "I kept asking that, and they said, 'What do you care if he goes there by submarine?'"

After the Bush address, the US first couple will head back to Malacañang to rest at the Premier Guest House.

The "barrio fiesta" cocktail reception at the Malacañang garden will start at 6 p.m., and the state dinner will follow at the Ceremonial Hall half an hour later.

Weather matters

If it rains on Saturday, the military honors for Bush will be scrapped and a simple arrival ceremony will be held indoors.

It rained at about 5 p.m. yesterday, portending what could occur on D-Day. But mercifully, there was time to take up the new carpet and bring it safely indoors.

Love-hate welcome awaits Dubya in Manila

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United States.

But while they wave the Stars and Stripes, angry Filipinos fed up with US foreign and economic policies will be burning it, highlighting the country's love-hate relationship with America.

"My forces are ready," said Pamatong, a lawyer who has written a book arguing the case for Filipinos to be granted American citizenship. "These leftists are financed by China."

Protesters themselves are getting ready. Effigy makers and banner painters have been in overdrive, casting Bush as a demon, a rampaging warmonger and a big bug for protests against his visit.

In a sunny courtyard in the heart of Manila, the more artistic members of labor unions, leftist groups and farmers organizations are crafting the paraphernalia to be carried by the thousands of marchers they have vowed to marshal.

Hundreds of silk-screened US flags have been hung out to dry before they will be put to the torch during Bush's eight hours in Manila.

"You are not welcome, Mr. Bush," one poster reads.

Another shows the US leader cuddling a bomb like a baby, with "Bush No. 1 Terrorist" emblazoned across the bottom.

Humor

"Humor has always been a part of our protest actions," Renato Reyes, spokesperson of the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan, said. "If there's one thing about the Filipinos, humor is one effective way of getting your message across."

The Philippines has a strong connection to the United States as a former US territory, anti-communist outpost, an ally in the battle against Muslim militancy and steady trading partner.

While many Filipinos embrace most things American, others bristle at threats to security and sovereignty from the tight ties, the US-led war in Iraq and Washington's huge subsidies for American farmers.

The plight of the Filipino farmer is a prominent feature of the protest posters.

One shows President Macapagal-Arroyo riding on Bush's back as he strangles a farmer with one hand and clutches a rifle in the other. The farmer has the upper hand in another poster as he sprays an overgrown bug sporting Bush's face with insecticide.

Humor may be part of the protest for Reyes and the others, but the police are deadly serious about potential violence by demonstrators and Muslim militants. Some of the 11,000 officers deployed for Bush's visit are practicing crowd control in riot gear with shields. Water cannon and bandoliers of tear gas cartridges also wait at the ready.

Dogs

The Philippine Coast Guard recently acquired 16 dogs, bringing to 30 the members of its K-9 unit, to sniff out explosives that terrorists could plant.

Some of the K-9 unit members—Labradors, Golden Retrievers and Belgian Mallinois—have been trained by coast guard personnel themselves, according to PCG spokesperson Lt. Armand Balilo.

Aside from increasing the strength of its K-9 unit, which would be stationed mostly at ports, the PCG has stepped up its water patrol. Two ships, the BRV Ilocos Norte and the BRV Nueva Vizcaya, will be moored on Manila Bay. Two teams of special operations group personnel have also augmented the Pasig River Patrol.

The protesters seem unfazed by all of the added security. "We will maximize all venues to get our message to Bush," said Wilson Fortaleza, president of Sanlakas.

Despite police checkpoints put up to block demonstrators from marching into Metro Manila, about a thousand anti-Bush protesters from Southern Tagalog provinces yesterday managed to reach the metropolis.

Train

Some 300 members of the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas from Cavite, Quezon, Laguna and the Mindoro provinces used the Philippine National Railways to reach Makati City. Other demonstrators hired unmarked jeeps to get into Metro Manila.

"Despite the maximum security put up by the military and police, the anti-Bush caravan courageously asserted their rights to protest," said KMP secretary general Danilo Ramos. "This proves that the Filipino peasantry are strongly determined in venting their fury against Bush and the puppet Macapagal government," he said.

The peasant caravan will culminate in the burning of 100 American flags in Quezon City in time for the arrival of Bush on Saturday.

Ramos said that despite the contingency measures, other groups under the Lakbayan caravan managed to pass through the checkpoints in Dasmariñas and Pala-pala towns in Cavite by negotiating with the local police.

After making it to Makati at around 10:30 a.m., the protesters had to deal with police when they tried to picket the LTA Building, where First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo holds office. The groups retreated to the Aquino monument on Ayala Avenue before motoring to the St. Scholastica's College on Vito Cruz Street.

Also yesterday, KMP-led farmers from the province of Rizal and north Quezon started to build their campsite in front of the Department of Agriculture in Quezon City. They are protesting the government's agricultural trade liberalization and importation policy. Yesterday was World Food Day.

On Kalaw Street in Manila, some members of the Pambansang Katipunan ng Makabayang Magbubukid also protested the government's promotion of trade liberalization policies, which they said led to 30 million farmers going hungry.

"Massive importation, land use conversion, and export oriented agricultural production further pushed Filipino peasants into bankruptcy and displacement," said Joe Cunanan, PKMM spokesperson. *Reports from Reuters, Norman Bordadora and Leila B. Salaverria*

Texas cowboy to don 'barong' at state dinner

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leaders of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) held their summit in Subic in 1996.

Ms Macapagal and Bush will be exchanging personal and state gifts but Malacañang did not want to disclose Ms Macapagal's other gifts to surprise the American president.

During her state visit to Washington, Ms Macapagal gave US First Lady Laura Bush a pair of 14-mm South Sea Pearl earrings mounted on finely worked flowers and leaves of Philippine-mined 18K yellow gold.

It was not yet known what Ms Bush will be wearing to the state dinner at the Palace's Ceremonial Hall.

Ms Macapagal, on the other hand, is still choosing between two gowns for the occasion.

The state dinner will be the culmination of Bush's eight-hour visit to Manila, which begins with his arrival at 12:30 p.m. at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

Before the dinner, Bush will attend a barrio fiesta cocktail at the Palace garden where nipa huts and colorful *banderitas* (bunting) were put up to create an authentic Filipino fiesta atmosphere.

Filipino cocktail food will be served in the huts for Bush and his delegation.

The state dinner will be a strictly by-invitation affair for 250 guests, including Filipino and American officials, business leaders and members of the diplomatic corps.

Because of time constraints, the two leaders will no longer have the traditional reception line.

The Pangkat Kawayan dancers and world-acclaimed singer Lea Salonga will provide entertainment during the two-hour dinner.

RP to block Fraport bid for arbitration

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out with a campaign to embarrass President Macapagal-Arroyo a few days before the state visit of US President George W. Bush.

The OSG's legal tactic to stall the case was in contrast to the President's statement on Thursday that she "welcomed the arbitration case filed by Fraport with the World Bank because it will clear the air before the international business community once and for all."

At a briefing, Assistant Solicitor General Magdangal de Leon said Fraport's case in the World Bank's International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) would only move forward if the Philippines gave its consent to the arbitration process.

Under the guidelines of the ICSID, which was formed in 1965 to facilitate the settlement of investment disputes among member countries, no contracting state or national of such a state is obliged to resort to conciliation or arbitration without the states' consent.

De Leon said that even the Investment Protection Agreement between the Philippines and Germany (which was cited by Fraport in its complaint) required the consent of the Philippines before arbitration proceedings could proceed.

He said that Fraport's case filed with the World Bank to seek compensation had no legal basis and that the German firm had yet to substantiate its charges of extortion against government officials and the Villaraza & Angangco law firm.

Fraport accused F. Arthur "Pancho" Villaraza, Ms Macapagal's personal lawyer, of demanding "tens of millions of dollars" to oust the Cheng family from the Naia-3 project to pave the way for the entry of another group which Malacañang favors.

Fraport said Gloria Tan-Climaco, then presidential adviser for strategic projects, and Avelino "Nonong" Cruz, the President's chief legal counsel, had told the company that the ouster of the Cheng family from Piatco would ensure the commercial success of the passenger terminal.

Anti-dummy law

De Leon said Fraport violated the anti-dummy law and the foreign equity limit for owning 61.44 percent of Philippine Air Terminals Inc. (Piatco), which won the contracts to build and operate Naia 3.

He said Fraport engaged in forum shopping when it filed a case with the Washington-based ICSID and the Paris-based International Center for Arbitration after filing a motion for reconsideration and motion to suspend with the Supreme Court. The high court nullified on May 5 the contracts awarded to Piatco.

De Leon said it was premature for Fraport to seek $425 million in compensation from the government because the high court had yet to decide on the fair value of the passenger terminal.

A Fraport lawyer said that if the World Bank's arbitration body acted in favor of Fraport, the German firm could run after the government assets in World Bank member countries except those with state functions like embassies.

The Philippines has four pieces of real estate assets in Kobe and Tokyo in Japan and seven pieces of property in the United States; two in New York and one each in Washington, San Francisco, Chicago, Houston, and Seattle.

In a statement, Ms Macapagal said Fraport's warning that it was ready to take over Philippine commercial assets was "irrational and unfounded."

"The actuations of the government in this case have been consistently transparent and above board. We have followed internationally accepted norms of due process and fair play in resolving the issues," Ms Macapagal said.

The President's chief of staff, Rigoberto Tiglao, described Fraport's antics as "extortion by international publicity of the worst kind."

"For a few dollars more, they are intimidating this nation and I suspect that they are on a major PR campaign against the administration to force us to give in to the World Bank arbitration by publicizing their complaints."

Blackmail

Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon, a member of the government oversight committee on the government's takeover of Naia 3, said Fraport's case smacked of "political blackmail" because it came out in the same week as Bush's visit.

While he took to task Fraport and Piatco for bad faith in filing the case while negotiations for a settlement were going on, Gordon said discussions would continue with the Naia 3 developers as long as they refrained from making adverse actions outside the negotiating table.

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho also lashed out at Fraport for employing "scare tactics."

"We should not be intimidated by these statements. I suppose their statements are meant to pressure us. We will never give up the overseas assets that have been mentioned. I don't know how Fraport could have access to them," Camacho said.

Still, Camacho said government lawyers must study the arbitration case carefully so that the government could best protect its interest.

"The government will contest the arbitration case. The government had offered just compensation to Piatco and I think we should continue discussing along those lines," he said.

A negotiator for Piatco also said that the government would suffer from a tightening of its credit lines, especially with multilateral agencies like the World Bank that had been campaigning against corruption in emerging economies like the Philippines.

Economic Planning Secretary Romulo Neri said that Fraport obviously wanted to improve its bargaining position when it accused government officials of trying to extort money.

"Fraport wants to bring the matter to a head and push the government to act faster into this issue," said Neri.

Edgar Manda, general manager of the Manila International Airport Authority, said that MIAA was capable of raising at least $350 million to compensate Piatco and Fraport for its investments in Naia 3.

The government has reportedly offered to pay no more than $350 million to Piatco which has demanded compensation of between $425 million and $565 million.

Manda, who refused to disclose MIAA's financial standing, said that the agency could raise the compensation either from its cash holdings or through borrowings.

He expressed confidence that Naia 3 could be harnessed into full operation within six months.

GMA men tried to put lid on Fraport's complaint

By Tony Bergonia

TWO members of President Macapagal-Arroyo's Cabinet tried to put a lid on the complaint of a German firm involved in the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 project against alleged extortion by Ms Macapagal's officials.

Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II and Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza made several calls to ranking officials of the Philippine International Air Terminals Co. Inc. (Piatco) to try to stop reports on the extortion complaint from coming out in the open.

The calls were made on Oct. 12-13, according to a source who was privy to the telephone conversations.

The source said the Piatco officials' reaction was one of disbelief. A ranking Piatco official, who received the calls, told Roxas and Mendoza that he was unaware of the complaint filed by Fraport before the World Bank's International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

The two Cabinet men made the calls hours before opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson delivered on Oct. 13 a privilege speech in which he mentioned the Piatco controversy as among the signs of corruption in the Macapagal administration.

Roxas and Mendoza were among the limited number of officials who were furnished copies of Fraport's complaint, which accused F. Arthur "Pancho" Villaraza, Ms Macapagal's personal lawyer, of demanding "tens of millions of dollars" from the German firm to oust the Cheng family from the Naia-3 project to pave the way for the entry of another group which Malacañang favor.

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The two Cabinet members, the source said, were trying to convince the Piatco officials not to release the Fraport complaint to media because it could discourage foreign investors from coming in.

But the Piatco officials had said they had nothing to do with the Fraport complaint and were not even aware that it existed.

It was uncertain whether Ms Macapagal knew about her two Cabinet men's efforts to put a lid on the Fraport complaint.

In a letter written to Climaco on Aug. 6, 2002, Fraport said it "shall claim an amount of at least $300 million to compensate it for the equity, loans and guarantees which it has extended . . . without prejudice to the rights of Piatco."

In reply to the letter, Climaco said "it has always been the government's desire to see the Naia International Passenger Terminal 3 project through its timely completion.

"The government, through its designee, shall pay $400 million as full settlement of all obligations for Piatco, i.e., reimbursement of equity and advances of shareholders," Climaco said in her Aug. 10, 2002 reply to Fraport.

"Your initial valuation of $400 million appears to be reasonable," Climaco wrote Fraport.

Climaco said the $400 million "shall be loaned by Fraport to the government under terms which reflect Fraport's proposed bond issue for $400 million."

BIR's chief tax . . .

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Rosimo to check whether he could have made enemies with any of those under investigation.

Warned Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho: "If this is a result of our efforts to go after tax cheats, then it would only strengthen our resolve. We won't let the death of a public servant go to waste by retreating from the challenge posed by tax evaders."

Hours after Rosimo was felled with five shots in the head, BIR employees could only make sweeping assumptions that his death was "work related."

But they remained clueless about which particular tax fraud case out of the hundreds he and his people now pursue could have literally triggered it all.

The 47-year-old lawyer and public accountant reported to BIR Commissioner Guillermo Parayno almost every day, but "there was never a time that he spoke of receiving any death threats," said Assistant Commissioner Lucita Rodriguez.

Soft-spoken

By most accounts, Rosimo was initially considered too pious, soft-spoken, and jolly for his post, which could easily make for powerful, moneyed enemies.

As tax fraud division head, Rosimo led a team of over 100 tax examiners who received complaints and gathered evidence for possible prosecution by the BIR. Each tax examiner handles an average of five cases, the INQUIRER learned.

Rosimo, who was appointed to his post only in January last year, had the power to approve cases for prosecution and submit his recommendations to the commissioner.

Parayno immediately met with various supervisors regarding cases pending on Rosimo's desk, Rodriguez said, "but there's no conclusive evidence" that his death was over a particular case.

Rosimo, who rose up the ranks after joining the BIR in 1984, also has never crossed anyone in the agency's labor union, the INQUIRER was told.

"If there's anyone who could easily make enemies with tax evaders, it's us who track them down in the field and not our boss," said an examiner who declined to be named.

But what made Rosimo's brutal end even more of a shock to BIR employees was his reputation as a mild-mannered co-worker, one who fit in easily with any crowd and who hardly raised his voice.

"When he was newly appointed, many thought he was not cut for the job because [a chief tax fraud investigator] should have an intimidating appearance and disposition," said another official.

"You can say that he broke that mold and spiced up our line of work," he said.

"It was cowardly act," a bureau official said. "Apparently he stepped on a lot of toes as he went after tax evaders."

Parayno said Rosimo had been working closely with him on the tax fraud cases but never gave any hint that he was having any problems.

"He reports to me seven days a week but he never told me of any threat to his life related to the cases he is handling. Otherwise, I would have given it special attention," said the BIR chief.

The tax fraud unit, according to Parayno, had been instrumental in the BIR's increased tax collection this year.

Multiple gunshots

Several shots were fired at Rosimo, and most of the bullets entered the back of his head, said officer-on-case SP04 Marcelino Castillo, of the Central Police District Criminal Investigation Unit.

Police also said Rosimo's maid, whom they did not identify, saw the shooting. She was closing the gate as Rosimo was leaving.

"She immediately closed the gate for fear that the suspects would also kill her," a policeman said, adding that prior to the incident, Rosimo had warned members of his household to be cautious because some suspicious-looking men were following him.

Rosimo, whose wife died last year, has three children.

The five gunmen supposedly waited for Rosimo's car, with license plate UHS 719, to back out of his garage before walking from a street corner for the hit.

Police said the suspects, all armed with handguns, walked to the front of the vehicle and then successively fired through the window, hitting him with precision.

The gunmen then commandeered a passenger jeepney and escaped.

Members of the police's Scene of Crime Operations unit found several shells in the area.

After tax cheats

Parayno said Rosimo's death would impair the tax fraud unit as he had been aggressively investigating tax cases. But he vowed not to ease on the drive to reduce tax evasion.

"His death even made us more committed to this cause of going after tax cheats. It should not deter us," said the BIR chief.

The BIR had been cleaning up its image by initiating an intensive audit since last year and launching in April an on-spot tax audit of business establishments.

The Department of Finance is conducting a parallel lifestyle check of BIR officials to weed out corruption in the agency named by a Social Weather Stations survey early this year as the country's most corrupt agency together with the Bureau of Customs.

Parayno had argued that while corruption could be prevalent in the BIR, taxpayers were not without fault. "It takes two to tango," he added. *With reports from AP, AFP*

Erap moved to Army camp in Tanay, Rizal

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He said he was not going to stay in the rest house he owned in Tanay, said to be near the camp and described earlier by Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio as a "Mediterranean-type vacation villa."

The property, which includes a swimming pool, was bought in the 1970s. It served as one of Estrada's several homes away from home before he was detained at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City starting in April 2001.

Asked if he had a message to his supporters, Estrada said: "Don't worry. Looks like I'm in good hands."

On the other hand, The Associated Press quoted lawyer Raymond Fortun, one of Estrada's spokespersons, as assailing the transfer.

Fortun said, "Normally, the rule is [the Philippine National Police] should obtain the consent of the court.

"It is an outrage. Due process was not observed and the court was totally disregarded," he said.

While it may already be academic, a hearing is scheduled at the Sandiganbayan this morning for the PNP to explain the early-morning transfer.

Urieta said the transfer "actually surprised Estrada because he thought he would be moved [Friday]."

Urieta said the PNP invoked an Aug. 14 court ruling authorizing it to move Estrada out of the VMMC any time as long as the sheriff's office and any of the defense counsels were given prior notice.

Villa-Ignacio himself questioned the transfer and said the prosecution had not been informed.

"They still have to justify the relocation ... [because] alleged destabilization plots are all just part of politics," he told reporters.

Tactical decision

Malacañang said Estrada's transfer was a "tactical decision" by the PNP that did not need President Macapagal-Arroyo's green light.

"The safety and security of the former President is a matter to be determined by the police authorities and to be worked out with them directly with the court," Ms Macapagal said in a statement. "We leave the tactical judgments to the PNP. This is an operational matter that does not need clearance from the Palace."

On radio dzBB, the President's spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said the PNP believed that Estrada should be transferred to a more secure place for his safety and to ensure that no untoward incident would happen.

Bunye also said Ms Macapagal had assumed that the PNP was acting on information of a possible threat to Estrada that required his immediate transfer.

Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr., PNP chief, clarified that the transfer was anything but intended to give Estrada yet another form of special treatment.

It was Ebdane who asked the Sandiganbayan on Tuesday to allow the transfer. He said he made the request after the PNP received a "very serious" threat involving Estrada.

"The thing is, we have preempted any potential problem," Ebdane yesterday told reporters in an ambush interview. "Whenever national security is at stake, everything else comes second."

Ebdane said the alleged plot involving Estrada was more "sophisticated" than the one supposedly mapped out by the ex-President's supporters during the failed power grab by junior military officers on July 27.

At the height of the mutiny, police and military intelligence officials claimed that loyalists backed by rebel soldiers were planning to spring Estrada from the VMMC and proclaim him the "real president" at the historic Edsa Shrine.

That plot did not materialize, but Estrada was briefly moved to Camp Aguinaldo and then returned to the VMMC on the same day.

Ebdane was also quick to clarify that the transfer had no "direct connection" to the visit tomorrow of US President George W. Bush.

"What we would like to prevent is the exploitation of the situation in which we'll be too busy providing security for Bush," he said.

Loi and Jude

A convoy of heavily armed PNP officers led by Chief Supt. Prospero Noble, director of the Police Security and Protection Office, escorted Estrada out of the VMMC at around 10 a.m.

Estrada was accompanied by his wife Sen. Luisa "Loi" Ejercito-Estrada and their younger son Jude.

Sheriff Urieta told AP that he was informed by police yesterday morning of the "urgent need" to move Estrada, and that he accompanied the police officers in charge of the operation.

Ebdane said Estrada and company faced no glitches along the way and arrived at Camp Capinpin, headquarters of the Army's 2nd Infantry Division, at around 11:30 a.m.

"We were informed that the place is safe... It's inside the camp and we can assure the public that it's safer than what we've got here at the VMMC," said Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero, chief information officer of the Armed Forces.

Lucero said the camp was being secured by at least 1,000 military troops. "It's far from the populace and it has a perimeter fence, so we can easily secure and prevent anybody from entering," he said.

He also said the military had not been informed of the supposed threat that prompted the transfer, but that AFP chief Gen. Narciso Abaya agreed just the same "to share the VIP quarters."

Officials said policemen would continue to provide close-in security for Estrada, and soldiers, perimeter security. *Reports from Volt Contreras, Christian V. Esguerra, TJ Burgonio, Gil Cabacungan Jr., AP*

OUSTED President Joseph Estrada surveys his new quarters inside Camp Capinpin in Tanay, Rizal, home of the Army's 2nd Infantry Division. PDI CONTRIBUTOR

Tanay folk last to know

By Luige del Puerto

THE PEOPLE of Tanay, Rizal, were unaware of the transfer yesterday of deposed President Joseph Estrada to their town.

But Councilor Nicanor Custodio, chair of the town's committees on rules and law and on education, said the few who knew of the transfer approved of it and expressed the hope that Estrada's stay would ease the "trouble" in Metro Manila.

"Everything is normal here," Custodio told the INQUIRER in a phone interview. "Most people don't know yet that the former President has arrived. Our town is very quiet. I hope he finds peace here."

Even the Rizal police were taken by surprise.

"Until this morning, I did not know [Estrada] would be transferred to our area," said Senior Supt. Leocardio Santiago, provincial police chief.

Santiago said his office had not received any communication from the Police Protection and Security Office about the transfer.

He said that the arrangement was between Camp Capinpin and the PSPO, and that the Rizal police did not have jurisdiction over the camp.

According to Custodio, it will be difficult for Estrada's supporters to come to Tanay because the town is 54 kilometers from Manila.

"If they do come, they will be easily spotted," he said.

He also said the townsfolk were confident that the military and the local police would be able to handle the security of a high-profile prisoner like the ex-President.

GMA downplays report of OIC junking RP bid

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that the country's application would eventually be approved.

But Malaysian Ambassador Mohamed Taufik denied the report that the committee rejected the application.

"That is not true. The Committee of the Eight is not tasked to discuss that. It is created to monitor the implementation of the 1996 peace agreement (between the government and the Moro National Liberation Front). It has no power or role to decide the application for observer status," Taufik said.

Taufik called up the INQUIRER to say he was "upset" over the report, and said it was the OIC as a whole that would decide on the issue.

At the OIC summit, Ms Macapagal directed journalists' attention to other diplomatic highlights.

"This is the first time in the history of the OIC that a Philippine president is invited to its summit of 57 Islamic nations. This is a real breakthrough in our foreign relations, whether observer status is granted to the Philippines or not," she said in a statement from Kuala Lumpur.

"The important thing is to maintain our close links with the Islamic nations as an integral part of our economic and political interests," she said.

Ms Macapagal said her main agenda in going to Kuala Lumpur was to gain broader support for peace and development in Mindanao and the fight against terrorism.

"Garnering OIC observer status is important to this agenda but it is not indispensable because our diplomatic inroads are already firm and in place. We have the support of many Islamic nations for our bid for observer status and we may win it. It not today, I am confident it will happen soon," she said.

Not serious

Foreign Secretary Blas Ople said the snag was not as serious as it seemed.

Ople told the INQUIRER the country's application could be decided upon next year.

He said Indonesian Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda, chair of the Committee of the Eight, explained to him that the OIC had decided to consider applications for observer status from the Philippines, the Russian Federation, South Africa and Ghana at next year's ministerial conference in Istanbul, Turkey.

Wirajuda also said that the problem lay in the continued representation of the MNLF in the OIC.

Ople said this would not pose a serious problem because the MNLF, under Gov. Parouk Hussin of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, had already told the OIC it was giving way to the government.

The MNLF continues to enjoy the status of an observer—one of only five such—even after it signed the peace agreement with the government in 1996.

Hussin told the INQUIRER that the MNLF had already informed the OIC it was supporting the Philippines' bid.

"The MNLF is now part of the government so I believe there is no reason for the OIC not to grant the government's application," Hussin, who enplaned to Kuala Lumpur with Ms Macapagal on Wednesday, said.

But a source said the MNLF was not too keen on handing over the post to the Philippines.

"The MNLF wanted to share the status with the government. Not totally relinquish it. That's the real problem because the OIC does not grant the status on twin-sharing system," the source said.

Datu Musib Buat of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, said he believes the OIC would continue to deny the government's bid.

"The government only wanted the status because of the perks," Buat said, adding that the government had never looked after the welfare of the Muslims.

OIC leaders representing 57 Muslim nations and 1.3 billion people met under a heavy veil of security in Malaysia's new administrative capital Putrajaya, near Kuala Lumpur.

Dubious source

Taufik questioned the source of the INQUIRER report, Buat, now the chief negotiator of the MILF.

He told the INQUIRER that "there's no truth" to the report that the OIC's powerful Committee of the Eight rejected the government's application.

"That's misreporting. I don't know how or where the MILF chief negotiator got that information," Taufik said in a phone interview.

He expressed amazement how the Committee of the Eight, of which Malaysia is a member, could decide to reject the Philippines' application when it was not the proper body to do so.

"The decision to reject will not come from the Committee. It has to come from the OIC summit proper," he said.

The Committee of the Eight (formerly Six, until the recent joining of Brunei and Malaysia) brokered the peace negotiations between the Philippine government and the MNLF that led to the signing of the 1996 peace agreement. Chaired by Indonesia, the other members of the committee are Libya, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia and Bangladesh.

Taufik added that it was not likely that the Philippines' request would ever be considered in the ongoing 10th OIC summit being held at Putrajaya, Malaysia.

"It can only be considered and will be taken up in the next OIC Foreign Ministers Meeting in 2004 in Istanbul," he said.

The MNLF enjoys observer status together with the Kingdom of Thailand, the United Nations, League of Arab States and the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Philippine government on May 28 applied for a permanent observer status in the 57-nation OIC. Ople, who heads the Philippine delegation as a guest of the OIC, submitted the Philippine bid in a bilateral meeting with OIC Secretary General Abdelouahed Belkeziz, the OIC secretary general. *With reports from AFP, AP, Reuters*

Bittersweet rites . . .

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recent weeks, fueling unprecedented public discussion among cardinals about what to do if he were to become incapacitated.

There was nevertheless a festive air in St. Peter's Square during the audience and among cardinals who have gathered in Rome for an anniversary Mass at 6 p.m. Thursday—about the same hour then Polish Cardinal Karol Wojtyla was elected the first non-Italian Pope in 455 years.

Polish pilgrims waved red and white flags and sang Polish songs, and John Paul responded by addressing them in their native tongue.

"I thank you from my heart for being here today and during all these 25 years," the Pope said. "I am happy I can count on your spiritual support."

Later, in Italian, he invited Romans and pilgrims to join him at Thursday's anniversary Mass "to praise the Lord and thank him for this happy event."

Tens of thousands of people are expected to attend, and official congratulations have been pouring in all week from around the world.

On Wednesday, a message came from the chief rabbi of Rome, Riccardo Di Segni, and from the leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Alexy II, who praised John Paul for his sacrifice and prayed that God "strengthens you in your service."

Relations between the Vatican and the Russian Church have been strained over Moscow's contention that the Roman Catholic Church is poaching for adherents in traditionally Orthodox territory. The tensions have prevented John Paul from fulfilling one of the aims of his papacy—a trip to Russia.

Italians, in particular, have been awaiting the anniversary, snapping up special edition newspapers and magazines, such as Thursday's anniversary edition of the official Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, featuring a 54-page color insert.

In another telling indication that Italians have adopted John Paul as their own, President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi addressed the nation on Wednesday in a prime-time televised speech on the occasion of the anniversary.

But for all the celebration, there was sadness, too, since John Paul is clearly ailing. His problems speaking were apparent, and while he managed greetings in several languages, aides read most of his remarks.

Church law has no specific provisions for replacing an incapacitated Pope. The latest code of Canon Law, updated in 1983, said specific laws would be created to deal with the situation—but they never were.

New York Cardinal Edward Egan, who helped draft the 1983 code, said he didn't know why the Vatican never followed up on the provisions, more necessary now because medicine is prolonging lives.

"I would say for any leadership, this is something that's going to have to be addressed," Egan told reporters. "Yes, I imagine there will be greater insistence now as we're getting older."

Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony said John Paul clearly had good days and bad, depending on the combination of medications he's taking for Parkinson's disease, but that he remained very much in control of the Church.

"Now, is he managing all aspects of the Church like he used to? Of course not. No one expects him to. But he's being right now what we pray for him to be and that is our shepherd," Mahony told reporters. AP

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PDEA busts drug den in Dasma

Trader, 5 others nabbed

By Christian V. Esguerra

AGENTS of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) have arrested a businessman and five other people allegedly having a pot session in a house at the exclusive Dasmariñas Village in Makati City.

Arrested during the raid conducted Wednesday night were businessman Segundo Reyes, his twin brother Jose Reyes III, the brother's son Jose Reyes IV, Josephine Quipo, Domilyn Mitchell, and Frank Morato.

"This operation is significant in the sense that it was done in an exclusive village," PDEA chief Anselmo Avenido Jr. said in a statement. "This is in line with the instruction of the President to arrest drug law violators regardless of their status in life."

Supt. Marino Ravelo of PDEA said the group had been under surveillance as early as 3 p.m. Wednesday after the agency got a tip that the group often gathered in Dasmariñas Village for drug sessions.

Acting on a search warrant issued by Judge Rebecca Mariano, the PDEA operatives stormed Segundo's house at No. 7 Palm Avenue around 9:30 p.m. and caught the group sniffing shabu, marijuana, and hashish at the billiards room. Two of the group's companions escaped.

The raid was conducted in the presence of businessman Jose Concepcion, Barangay Forbes Park chair.

Besides the banned substances, Reyes and company yielded tooters, lighters, weighing scales, gas burners, and other drug paraphernalia, 43 live bullets for a 45-caliber pistol, a silencer for a caliber 22, a National Bureau of Investigation identification card, and two motorcycles.

Meanwhile, the Makati City government has recently set up a drug testing laboratory for city officials and employees, as well as non-Makati residents, in the City Health Department.

In a statement issued yesterday, Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay said the local government has allotted P500,000 for the laboratory's operations this year.

With a report from Christine Paita

JUST A DRILL

Fire and rescue workers of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport douse a burning airplane with chemical foam during a crash and rescue exercise held Thursday at the airport grounds. The exercise is part of a program to improve the capability of the Naia's fire and rescue teams. ROGER MARGALLO

'Hot' shipment of pebbles held

TWENTY-SEVEN container vans filled with beach and mountain pebbles from Zamboanga have been seized from a Super Ferry ship by Coast Guard men.

The pebbles, shipped by a certain Felipe Gallego, were discovered inside the container vans aboard the ferry when it docked at Pier 4 in Manila on Wednesday.

Philippine Coast Guard spokesperson Lt. Armand Balilo said the shipment of ornamental pebbles is highly-controlled by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, which is why the undocumented shipment had to be seized.

Intelligence sources tipped off the Coast Guard about the shipment. *Leila B. Salaverria*

4 cop chiefs promoted

THE NATIONAL Police Commission has approved the promotion of four police superintendents to senior superintendent for risking their lives beyond the call of duty.

Promoted were Marvin Bolabola of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group-Police Regional Office 9 in Zamboanga City; Elmer Jamias of the Western Police District; Edgar Ladao of the Special Task Group (STAG)-Luzon Area Office Crisis Management Team; and Zoilo Lachica Jr., one of the team leaders of Case Oplan Blackeagle Bravo.

Local Government Secretary and Napolcom Chair Jose Lina Jr. said the policemen were cited for their "acts of conspicuous courage and gallantry at the risk of their lives above and beyond the call of duty."

Bolabola was cited for contributing to the successful arrest and neutralization of five Abu Sayyaf group members responsible for the series of bombings in Zamboanga City.

Jamias gunned down the leader of the notorious Lucky 9 group in a shootout in Singalong, Manila four years ago.

Ladao personally led a series of operations that resulted in the solution of four kidnap-for-ransom cases, the neutralization of three KFR groups and the arrest of 19 principal suspects.

Lachica spearheaded a rescue operation in 1998, resulting in the arrest of a KFR leader and four members, and the rescue of four victims. *Margaux Ortiz*

Cops told: Look, act your best

By Edson Tandoc Jr.

NOT ONLY is the metropolis getting a hasty makeover for US President George W. Bush's visit. The policemen who will be deployed tomorrow have also been ordered to look presentable.

For one, the policemen have been told to wear their "snappiest uniforms."

In the Northern Police District, selected cops who will form tomorrow's Civil Disturbance Management team in the US Embassy had a "dress rehearsal" yesterday.

Wearing their complete uniforms, the policemen chosen from the Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela Police Stations as well as in the District Mobile Force listened as their supervisors gave instructions for tomorrow's big day.

NPD director Marcelino Franco took a good look at his men and noticed that some of them were wearing faded uniforms.

"This is a rare opportunity for all of us to participate in a historic occasion," Franco said, adding that the district was "lucky to be assigned to secure the US Embassy and the Luneta grounds." Bush is scheduled to visit the Rizal Park.

Franco also warned his men not to loiter in the area and never to leave their designated places and sit on the street gutters and sidewalks in Roxas Boulevard.

Other NPD officials also advised the men, most of whom are rookie cops, to get a haircut so they would look clean and presentable.

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TEXT-INSURE PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY

WHEREAS. The MALAYAN INSURANCE CO., INC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") agrees to provide for the eligible person described hereto in Section I, an accident insurance coverage for a period of twenty four (24) hours beginning on the date and time confirmed electronically by the Company, through an electronic commerce transaction hereby referred to as TEXT INSURE whereby the mobile phone user (hereinafter referred to as the "Insured") may apply for, purchase, and confirm their insurance coverage through the use of the text message capabilities of their mobile phones;

WHEREAS the Insured described in the Personal Information Sheet hereby attached and made an integral part of this Policy, being desirous of insuring himself in the manner referred to as TEXT INSURE, has registered with and purchased his insurance via TEXT INSURE and has declared truthfully and completely, and personally signed the said Personal Information Sheet which declaration it is agreed shall be the basis of the contract for the insurance hereby intended to be made and incorporated herein;

NOW THIS POLICY OF INSURANCE WITNESSETH that at any time during the said period wherein the Insured is covered by a validly purchased TEXT INSURE insurance, or during any subsequent period for which the Company may agree to renew the insurance, the Insured shall sustain bodily injury caused by violent accidental external and visible means which injury shall result in his death or disablement as hereinafter defined, the Company will, subject to the terms, provisos and conditions of and endorsed on this Policy, pay to the Insured or the person or persons specified in Proviso 3 the sum or sums of money specified in the Table of Benefits.

TABLE OF BENEFITS

BODILY INJURY caused by violent accidental external and visible means which injury shall result in:

1. Death occurring within twelve calendar months of bodily injury as aforesaid.
2. Permanent Disablement occurring within twelve calendar months of bodily injury as aforesaid and not followed within twelve calendar months of said bodily injury by the death of the Insured.

(Limit of Php 500,000 coverage at any one time regardless of the number of purchases)

TABLE OF COMPENSATION

COVERAGES	BENEFITS
Accidental Death	100%
Permanent loss of or loss of use of	
• Both hands or both feet	100%
• One hand and one foot	100%
• One hand or foot and sight of one eye	100%
• Sight of both eyes	100%
• One hand or one foot or sight of one eye	50%

Any bodily injury or disablement not specified above shall not be covered by this policy.

"Loss" as above used with reference to hand or foot means complete severance at or above the wrist or ankle respectively, and as used with reference to eyes, means total and irrecoverable loss of sight. If the Insured shall sustain more than one of such losses as a result of one accident, payment of the amounts shall be made only for that one loss for which the largest amount is payable. Losses sustained as a result of any subsequent accidents shall be considered for payment separately from and independently of other losses sustained in a previous accident. In any policy period, the aggregate amount payable under the Accidental Disablement Benefit with respect to any one or more accidents shall not exceed P 500,000. The amount of benefit payable for loss of life arising from independent, unrelated accident shall always be P 500,000 regardless of the amount(s) paid under the Accidental Disablement Benefit.

ACCUMULATION LIMIT

It is hereby understood that Ps 200,000,000.00 is the limit of indemnity for which the Company shall be liable under TEXT INSURE insurance for all the losses arising out of any one accident. In the event said limit of indemnity for any one accident is insufficient to pay the full amount of indemnity for each insured person, then the amount payable to each insured person shall be in proportion to the limit of indemnity for any one accident bears to the total amount of insurance that would have been payable.

I. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for insurance coverage:

1. The individual must be registered with and purchase his insurance via TEXT INSURE
2. The individual must be 18 to 65 years of age at the time of the insurance purchase
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5. The individual must not belong to the occupations listed under Section II – Exclusions
6. The individual must not be suffering from any physical disability or critical illness.

II. EXCLUSIONS

1. The Policy shall not apply to the following occupations:
   acrobats, aircrew, airport maintenance, ambulance personnel, artists engaged in hazardous activities, asylum attendants, blasting, boiler, construction, demolition, and exterior building workers, detective, divers, film cameramen, firemen, fishermen, loggers, manufacturers/makers of ammunition, firework and explosives, military personnel, miners, news reporters/photographers whilst on duty, oil rig workers, paramedics, persons working at heights, policemen, politicians, professional drivers, professional sportsmen/women, quarry workers, sawmill workers, seamen, security guards, stevedores, structural steel workers, stuntmen, underground/underwater workers, workers of amusement/fairground, circus, zoo and wildlife parks,
2. The Policy shall not cover the disappearance of the Insured nor shall it extend to cover death or disablement by or happening through: a) bacterial infections (except pyogenic infections which shall occur through an accidental cut or wound) or infections caused by parasites; or b) medical or surgical treatment (except such as may be necessary solely by reason of injuries covered by this policy); c) miscarriage or pregnancy; d) suicide, self inflicted injury, or any attempt thereat; e) murder and assault, or any attempt thereat; f) war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities, or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not), mutiny, strikes, riots, civil commotion, civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection; conspiracy, military or usurped power, quarantine,; g) nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination; h) while participating in professional athletics or any organized and scheduled amateur physical contact sport; i) while engaging in but not limited to mountaineering requiring the use of ropes and guides, skin diving employing the use of compressed air cylinders, racing on wheels or horseback, skydiving from device for aerial navigation, hang gliding; j) cave in of mines; k) while under the influence of drug or alcohol; l) while committing or attempting to commit any crime, felony or other illegal act; m) while traveling in an aircraft other than one licensed for public passenger service and operated by a regular airline or a published scheduled flight over a regular air route between two definitely established airports and in which the Insured is traveling as a ticket holding passenger.

III. PROVISOS

1. Any fraud, misrepresentation, misstatement, or concealment in respect of this insurance, whether in electronic or in written form, of any claim shall render this Policy null and void and any benefit shall be forfeited.
2. Compensation shall be payable only when the entire amount of the claim shall have been ascertained and proven to the satisfaction of the company.
3. Indemnities for loss of life of the Insured is payable to the beneficiary indicated herein, if surviving the Insured, and otherwise to the estate of the Insured. All other indemnities of this policy are payable to the Insured. The receipt of such person or persons shall in all respect be an effective discharge to the Company.

IV. CONDITIONS

1. The insurance coverage shall commence upon confirmation by the Company, via text messages to the Insured, of all valid TEXT INSURE application and purchases. The confirmation text message will indicate the date and time of the commencement of the 24-hour insurance coverage and a unique Certificate of Coverage Number for every particular TEXT INSURE purchase.
2. This Policy, unless otherwise renewed, will have a fixed term of 24 hours. The insurance coverage shall terminate in the event of accidental death as provided therein, otherwise the Policy will automatically terminate after 24 hours from the date and time indicated in the confirmation text message sent by the Company to the Insured.
3. The Insured, at his option and subject to the terms and conditions herein, may renew his insurance coverage at any time by purchasing, via TEXT INSURE, another 24-hour insurance coverage. The Insured can only renew his insurance coverage once for every 24-hour period. This Policy is automatically renewed, without the need for re-application, every time the Company accepts and confirms the TEXT INSURE purchase.
4. This Policy includes the electronic TEXT INSURE text messages sent by the Insured to the Company and the attached Personal Information Sheet, and contains the entire contract of insurance. None of the provisions, conditions, and terms of this Policy shall be waived or altered except by endorsement, signed or initialed by an authorized official of the Company and issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 50 of the Insurance Code.
5. * Written notice of injury on which claim may be based must be given to the Company within thirty days after the date of accident causing the injury. In the event of death, immediate notice thereof must be given to the Company.
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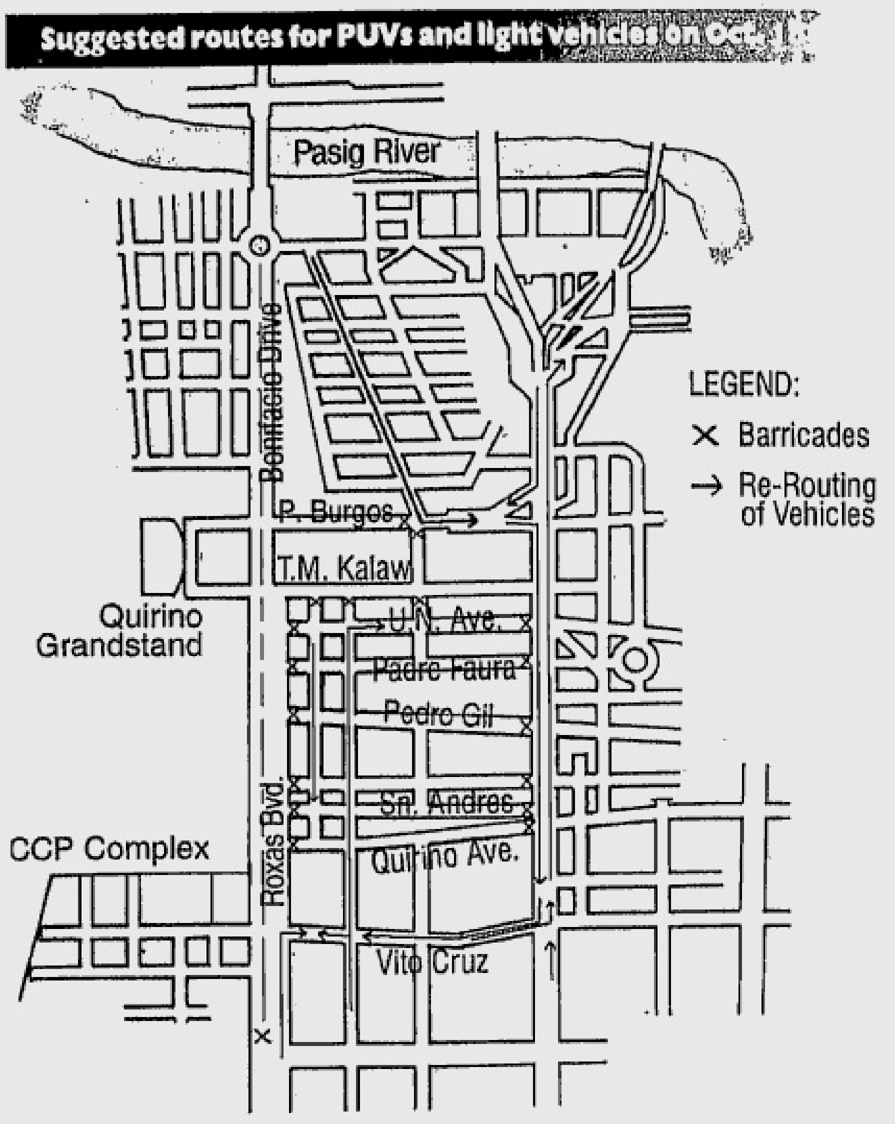

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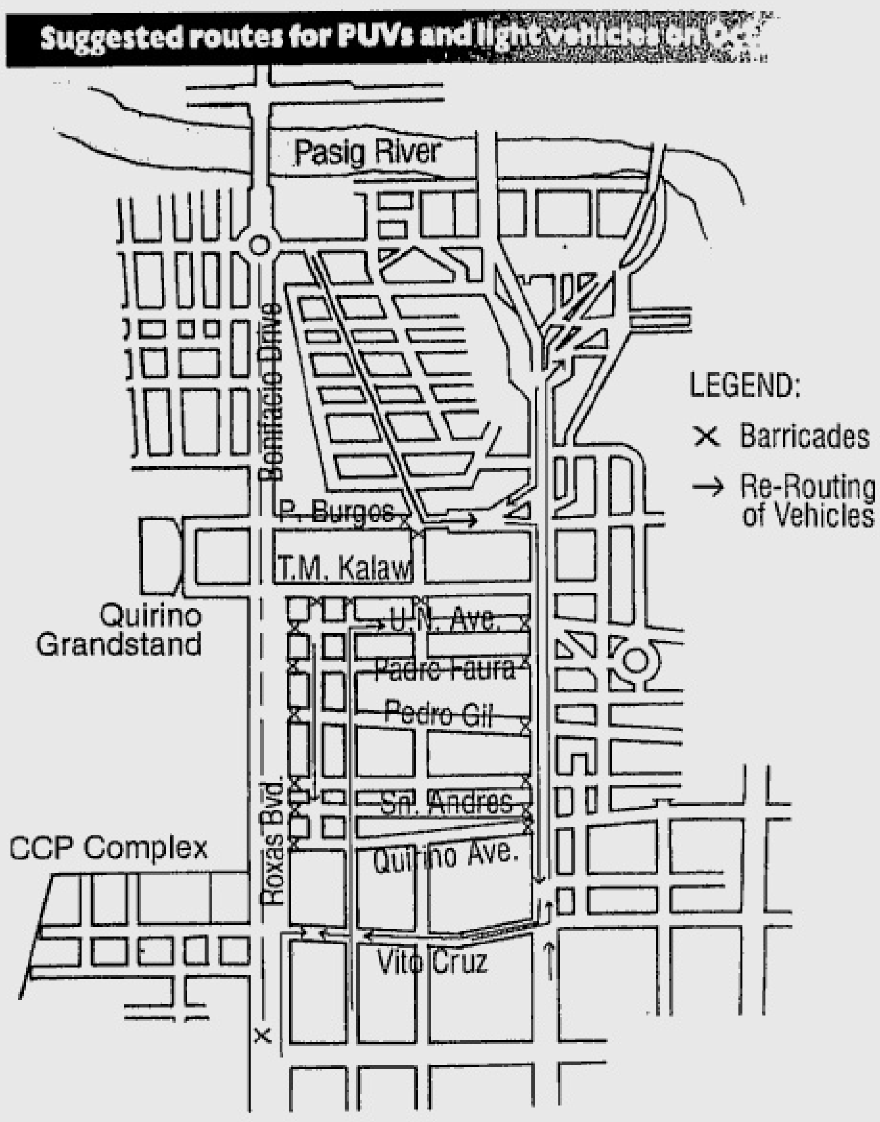

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DELARIARTE: Unlikely leader
VAL HANDUMON

By Jong Arcano

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Jerome Delariarte zoomed to the top spot of the standings with an eagle-spiked six-under-par 66 at the Whispering Pines Golf Club in Trinity, Texas, despite the confusion caused by a sudden change in format made known to players while they were already on the course.

The back-to-back RP amateur champion collected five birdies plus an eagle and led second-running Jan Willem Van Hoot of the Netherlands by one stroke.

Team captains were informed early in the day that the individual titles would go to the players who scored the most birdies, regardless of their bogeys. The 72-hole event features the top 20 countries in the last world amateur tournament plus four invitees.

Australia's Nick Flanagan, the reigning US amateur titlist, soared to a 75, reigning German amateur champ Christian Schunck matched par 72, Canada's James Lepp, who won a Canadian Tour event as an amateur, had a 77 while current British amateur champion Gary Wolstenholme posted a 102.

Delariarte also powered his partnership with Juvic Pagunsan to solo fourth place in the team competition with their best-ball effort of 65, just one behind joint leaders Netherlands, Thailand and the United States.

But the RP entries in the ladies division, Lora Roberto and Carmelette Villaroman, fell behind by nine shots after their opening 73. Korea and the US carded similar 64s for the lead.

The combined men's and team's scores put the Philippines in a tie for eighth place with Italy at 138, 10 behind the frontrunning Americans.

In Tochigi prefecture, Japan, Frankie Miñoza started his bid in the Japan Open with an even-par 71 at the Nikko Country Club to join the group sharing 27th place. Miñoza trailed Ryoken Kawagashi and Hidemasa Hoshino, who both fired 66s.

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Geisler vanguard of 5-gold RP blitz

GEISLER: Smashing comeback
ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

SYDNEY · Olympian Donald Geisler shone as the Petron Philippine team romped off with 13 medals—including five golds—in the recent Korea Open Taekwondo Championships in Chunchon, South Korea.

Trailing 1-3 after two rounds, Geisler unleashed a smashing 7-point comeback in the last stanza to whip Australian Manir Unalan, 8-4, in the lightweight finals of the 43-country invitational championships.

Four of Geisler's points came from two head kicks, which brought down the Aussie. He toppled another Aussie, Hamza Jabran, 12-7, and Korean Jung Ju Oh, 6-3, in his earlier fights.

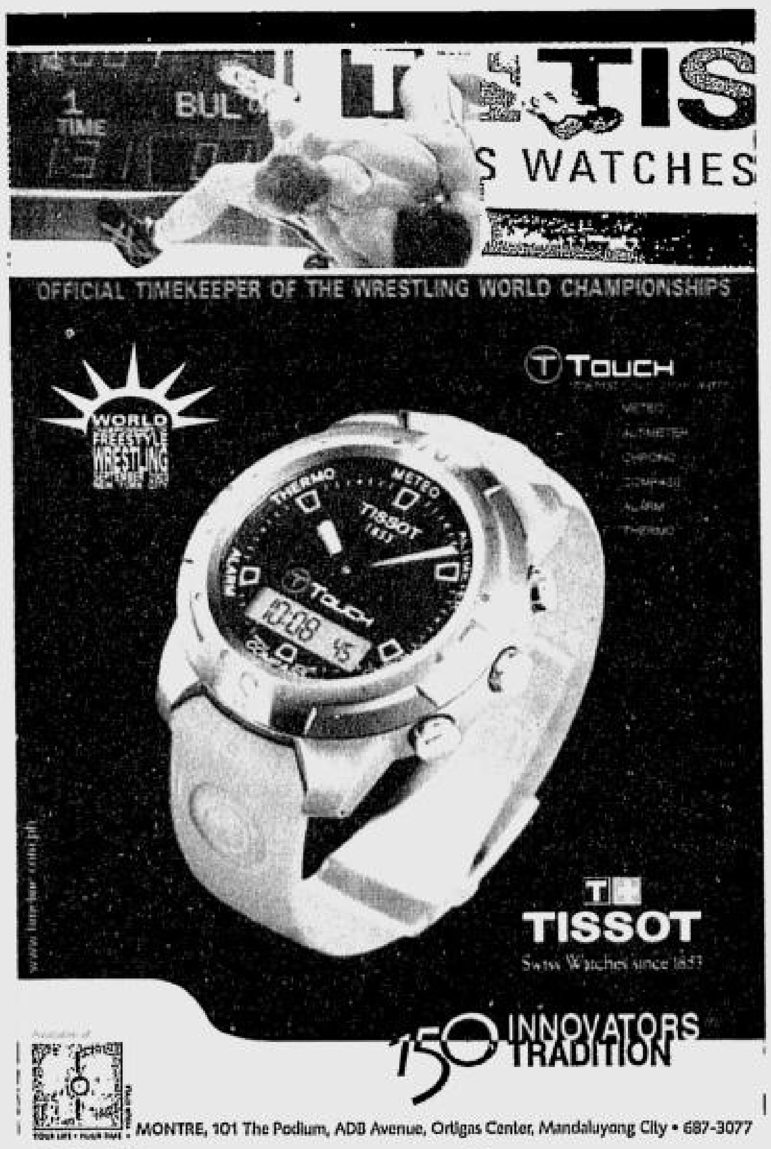
The other Filipino gold medalists were flyweight Tshomlee Go, welterweight Alexander Briones, heavyweight Dax Morfe and bantamweight Kalindi Tamayo.

Bantamweight Manuel Rivero Jr., finweight Kathleen Alora, featherweight Antoinette Rivero, middleweight Margarita Bonifacio and heavyweight Ann Margaret Boyle accounted for six silvers while lightweight Veronica Domingo and middleweight Dindo Simpao got a bronze each to complete the Petron RP squad's remarkable 13-medal production—good for second overall.

Briones and Go performed at a level much superior to their rivals, hurdling Aussies Adam Corrigan, 12-4, and Tumay Humza, 6-3, respectively, in the finals.

Morfe was always a point behind American Michael Tang until the last five seconds, when he equalized at 9-9 with a 45-degree kick. He won by superiority.

Six-time Southeast Asian Games champion Roberto Cruz suffered a shock 4-5 loss at the hands of Aussie Ryan Carnelli in the finals after he had brought down Korean Kim Tae Hyun and Ukraine's Karimov Abbos. Cruz led 3-1 after two rounds, but Carnelli, who was eventually named the event's best player, pulled through with two head kicks in the last canto.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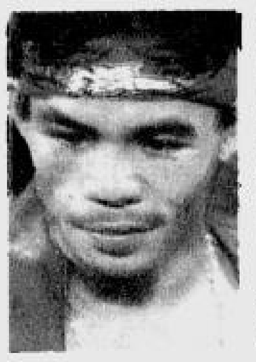

PACQUIAO

BARRERA

Pacquiao, Barrera promote Nov. 15 fight

By Salven L. Lagumbay
Contributor

IBF superbantam king Manny Pacquiao and Mexico's Marco Antonio Barrera face the international media today to formally announce their 12-round People's Championship of the World fight on Nov. 15 at The Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

Also attending the press conference at the same Alamodome are the protagonists in the undercard—local hero Jesse James Leija and Fernando Mena—and Oscar De La Hoya, founder of the Golden Boy Enterprises, which is promoting the HBO card.

Pacquiao will be meeting Barrera up close for the first time since their megafight was announced last month.

At the same time, Pacquiao downplayed reports that American trainer Freddie Roach may not be in his corner with personal trainer Buboy Fernandez when he trades leather with Barrera.

"I have done my assignment. I have studied Barrera's style and trained hard for this fight," said Pacquiao.

He has so far sparred with British superfeather champ Alex Arthur, ex-world champ Johnny Tapia and Ireland's unbeaten featherweight, Bernard Dunne.

Red Bull tests hot San Miguel

GAMES TODAY *(Cuneta Astrodome)*
5 p.m.—San Miguel vs Red Bull
7:30 p.m.—Purefoods vs Alaska

RED Bull stakes its unbeaten slate against Group A teams when the Barakos take on the San Miguel Beermen today in the Samsung-PBA Reinforced Conference at the Cuneta Astrodome.

STANDINGS	W	L
Group A		
*Sta. Lucia	6	3
San Miguel	4	6
Alaska	3	5
FedEx	3	6
Purefoods	1	8
Group B		
*Coca-Cola	9	1
*Red Bull	7	2
Talk 'N Text	6	4
Ginebra	5	5
Shell	3	7

*Quarterfinalist

After getting a free ride in the quarterfinals when Group B leader Coca-Cola downed Shell the other day, the Barakos tangle with the Beermen at 5 p.m.

The Barakos are 4-0 against teams in Group A although they are 3-2 in their own group where they trail the pacesetting Tigers (9-1).

"It won't be easy beating San Miguel now that its lineup is almost complete. They also have a prolific import," said Red Bull Barako coach Yeng Guiao.

The Beermen rose from the cellar to move up to solo second at 4-6 by winning four of their last five games. They are actually on a three-game roll thanks to Kwan Johnson and Danny Ildefonso.

But the Barakos are just as hot with six straight victories since Scott Burrell, who has an NBA championship ring while playing with the Michael Jordan-led Chicago Bulls, played for Red Bull.

The Alaska Aces (3-5) try to overtake the Beermen in Group B as they tackle the luckless Purefoods TJ Hotdogs in the other game at 7:30 p.m.

An Alaska victory would put the Hotdogs' quarterfinal bid in peril and leave the door wide open for the FedEx Express to advance to the next round.

Alaska's Isaac Fontaine will be pitted against the high-scoring Leonard Cooke, who has yet to get enough local support.

The Hotdogs have only a win to show in nine outings, absorbing a sixth straight loss in their last outing from the Barakos, 95-86.

June Navarro

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UAAP standouts honored today

FAR Eastern University's Arwind Santos, Adamson's Minerva Narciza and Ateneo's Mark Intal will be honored today as MVPs in the seniors, women's and juniors basketball finals, respectively, during the annual UAAP Press Corps awards at the SCOOP sa Kamayan West in Quezon City.

Also to be honored in the short but meaningful event are the three winners of the Rafael 'Paeng' Hechanova sportsmanship award.

The Press Corps will also cite Santo Tomas mentor Aric del Rosario for his contribution to the league.

Supported by RFM Corp., Welcoat and Illustrazio bags, the awarding ceremonies start at 11 a.m.

Hechanova, a cage great, will personally hand the sportsmanship trophies to Ateneo's Larry Fonacier, La Salle-Zobel's Lope Juban III and Camille Dowling of the University of the Philippines.

Other backers of the event organized exclusively by members of the print media who covered the 66th UAAP basketball season are Dickies and Welcoat.

RFM executive Elmer Yanga, UAAP president Jose Capistrano Jr., La Salle team manager Terry Capistrano, Ateneo's Monchito Mosessgeld, Albert de Jesus representing Raymund Yu of Welcoat, Dody Arcaya, vice president of Dickies, well-known player-adviser Danny Espiritu and Manila Standard sportswriter and Illustrazio brand manager Jon Ng will also grace the ceremonies.

SANTOS ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

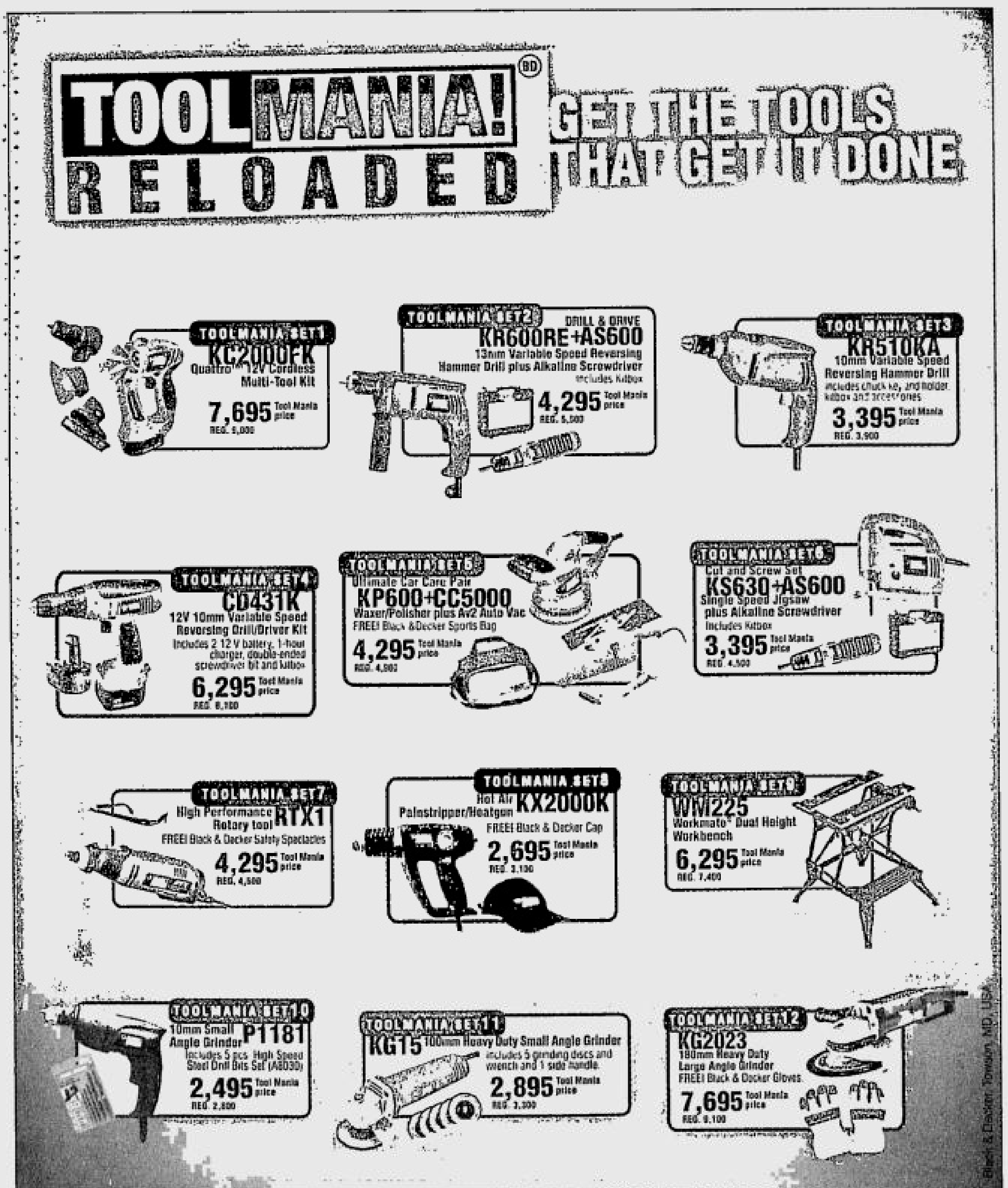
Parents of the awardees, fans and supporters will also be present.

The 6-foot-4 Santos, a native of Pampanga, will join Ateneo's Rich Alvarez, La Salle's Mac Cardona, FEU's Gerard Jones and UE's Paul Artadi as mythical five awardees.

Joseph Evans Casio of La Salle will be cited as rookie of the year.

NU's Rey Mendoza was picked Most Improved Player, while Olan Omiping of UE clinched the sixth man award.

Also to be cited are Ateneo's Ken Barracoso and Jai Reyes, Juban III, UE's Elmer de la Cruz and Adamson's Jomar Canuday as members of the juniors mythical five.



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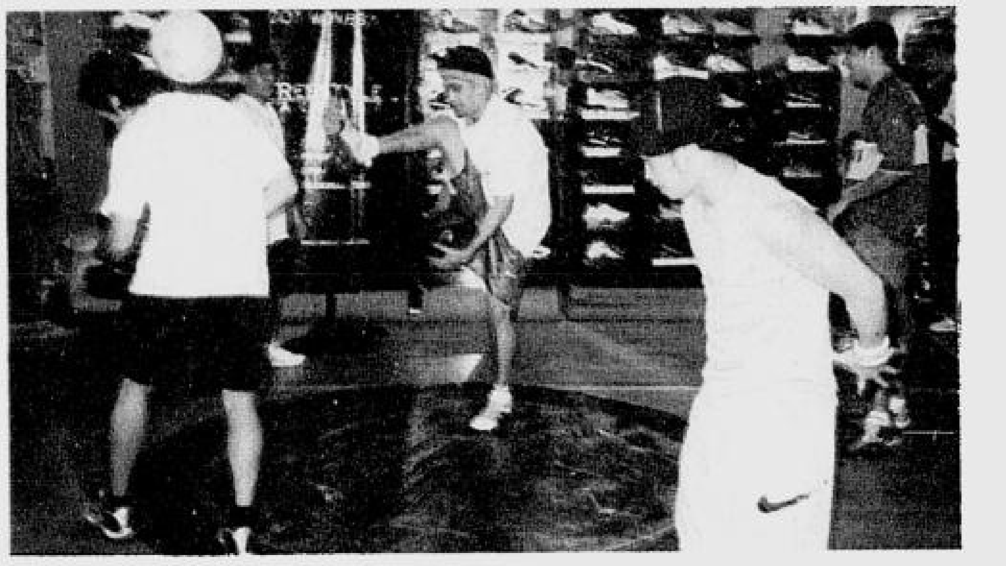


NIKE team of freestylers show off fancy tricks.

Nike Freestyle Face Off tour

WHAT comes to mind when we speak of soccer or, as we call it here, football?

Ronaldo, Brazil, World Cup, hat trick, golden goal, bicycle kick.

You can add Nike Freestyle Face Off to that list.

Breaking new grounds in injecting creativity into sports, Nike Philippines headed out to various malls last weekend to give a sideshow of the Nike Freestyle Face Off—a one-of-a-kind, all-in-one event that features soccer, basketball and dancing combined.

Along with a team of freestylers led by Filipino professional soccer player Freddy Gonzalez, Nike visited its retail outlets in SM North (Nike Stadium), Shoppesville (Nike Forum), Robinsons Galleria (Nike Park), SM Megamall (Nike Stadium), Sta. Lucia Mall (Nike Park) and Robinson's East (Nike Stadium), to show off fancy tricks in soccer and basketball.

Fellow soccer player Peter Amores also showed his own signature moves.

Apart from Gonzalez and Amores, the other Nike freestylers are basketball players Niño Ventura and John Lazo and breakers Kykz Mendiola and David Castro.

LSGHAA hosts All-La Salle bowling meet

THE LA SALLE Green Hills Alumni Association will host the 2004 Bro. Rolando Dizon Cup All-La Salle Bowling Tournament set Jan. 10 and 17, 2004 at Greenlanes in San Juan, Metro Manila.

Open to all alumni of La Salle, the tournament will have individual and team competitions for men, women and mixed squads.

The winners will receive their prizes during the "Silverde" Alumni Homecoming, hosted by the silver jubilee High School Class '79 set for Feb. 7, 2004 at the LSGH campus.

Proceeds of this fund-raising event will go the La Salle Green Hills Athletic Scholarship Fund. For inquiries, call the LSGHAA at 721-2729.

Basketball camp visits Meralco, STI Las Piñas

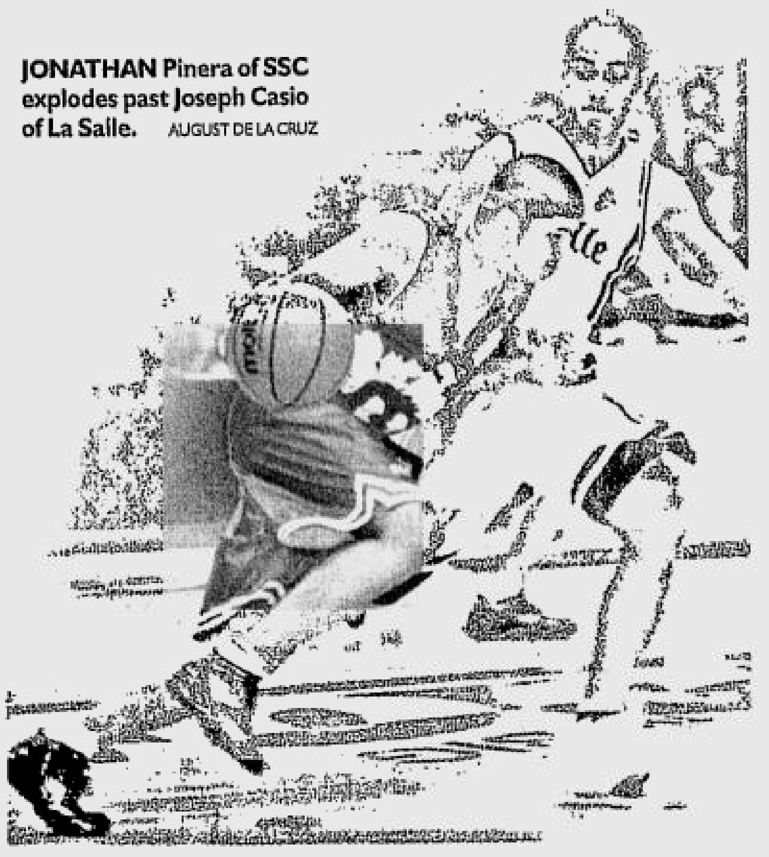
THE COUNTRY'S fastest-growing basketball camp, Hoops School, will hold a series of sessions again starting this Saturday.

Founded by former PBL commissioner and Shell team manager Charlie Favis and seven-time PBA Best Import awardee Bobby Parks, the Hoops School will conduct two camps this October—at the STI Academy in Las Piñas every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and at the Meralco Gym in Pasig City every Sunday starting Oct. 19, also from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

On Nov. 8, the camp will visit Roosevelt College-Marikina, (2 p.m. to 4 p.m.), Immaculate Heart of Mary in Bicutan, Southville International School and one charity clinic for Tuloy Foundation.

To register for the school's Meralco and STI Academy Las Piñas sessions, call the Hoops School's offices at 687-4364, 687-2025 and 688-0167, or email hoops_school@yahoo.com or groweehoops@hotmail.com.

So far, the Hoops School, sponsored by Growee Vitamins, Mossimo, Accel Sports, Selecta Moo, Sunkist Juices, Molten Basketballs, Gatorade, Extra Joss Energy Drink, Purefoods Hotdogs, Home Radio, Epson and Burlington Sports Socks, has teamed up with some 40 partner schools across the country, with six- to 11-year-old students taking the basic program and 12- to 17-year-olds taking the advance programs.



JONATHAN Pinera of SSC explodes past Joseph Casio of La Salle. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

BANTAY BATA SHOWDOWN

FEU, La Salle whip rivals

By Dennis U. Eroa

UAAP titlist Far Eastern strolled to an 88-65 win over Mapua yesterday and arranged a semifinal showdown with Final Four victim University of the East in the Bantay Bata 163 Showdown at the Araneta Coliseum.

Although they struggled in the first 20 minutes of play, the Tamaraws recovered their deadly form in the final half to finish pulling away.

Four-time champion La Salle later completed the mastery of UAAP teams with a 75-63 win over NCAA runner-up San Sebastian College.

Despite missing veteran Mac Cardona and Manny Ramos, the Archers got heady plays from rookie Mark Benitez, Ryan Arana and Oliver Cua.

La Salle tackles titleholder Letran, the only remaining NCAA squad in this charity event, in today's crossover semis at 2 p.m. The FEU-UE clash is set at 4 p.m.

"Life is short, play hard," said FEU mentor Koy Banal.

"Playing here is a commitment."

Banal said the Tamaraws went to Boracay last week as part of their prize for beating Ateneo in the UAAP finals.

"We arrived last Saturday and practiced Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Everybody knew that we must give this tournament our best shot," Banal stressed.

Against UE, which is aching for revenge, Banal said the Tamaraws should regain their enthusiasm.

UE, bannered by Olan Omiping, James Yap and Paul Artadi, entered the semis with a devastating 84-56 triumph over Jose Rizal last Thursday.

Playmaker Jay Sierra, James Razon and Arwind Santos sizzled as the Tamaraws uncorked a crippling 28-11 third quarter assault from a 36-36 halftime deadlock.

FEU took a 64-47 lead at the end of the period and the Cardinals were never a threat from there.

GAMES TODAY
(Araneta Coliseum)
2 p.m.—Letran vs La Salle
4 p.m.—FEU vs UE

Scores:

First Game

FEU 88—Sierra 13, Razon 10, Santos 9, Miranda 8, Isip 8, Santiago 8, Rizada 6, Catli 5, Chan 5, Jones 5, Yabut 4, Barcellano 4, Gadiano 3, Gutierrez 0.

MAPUA 65—Guevarra 19, Cruz 16, Salud 12, Martin 8, Migraso 3, Gorospe 3, Co 2, Malig 2, David 0, Veranga 0, Gonzales 0, Del Rosario 0, Lee 0.

Quarters: 19-17, 36-36, 64-47, 88-65

Second Game

LA SALLE 75—Benitez 14, Yeo 12, Gaco 11, Arana 11, Tang 7, Cua 5, Casio 5, Gatchalian 4, Walsham 4, Cabatu 2.

SSC 63—Najorda 15, Gonzales 9, Vicente 8, Moore 8, Baluyot 7, Maneclang 5, Uy 3, Santos 3, Aguilar 2, Legarde 2, Estole 1.

Quarters: 16-15, 26-29, 50-39, 75-63

Archers show way in UAAP overall fight

DE LA SALLE, winner of four crowns halfway through the school year, shows the way in the general championship race of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP).

The Archers are in the lead with 116 points, mainly through their victories in men's and women's volleyball and men's chess and women's swimming.

University of the Philippines is second with 106 points and 2002 overall titlist Santo Tomas is third with 96.

The distribution of points to decide the overall race among the eight schools per event is 15-12-10-8-6-4-2-1.

Far Eastern University, the men's basketball champion, ranks fourth with 69 points, followed by University of the East with 58, Ateneo and Adamson with 57 points each and National University with 9 points.

In juniors action, UE, which topped boys' chess and table tennis, and 2002 overall champion UST, the boys and girls swimming titlist this season, are tied for the lead with 56 points apiece.

Ateneo, the boys' basketball champion, is third with 45, followed by La Salle (40), UP (30), NU (20) and Adamson (12).

La Salle also anchored its leading performance on second-place finishes in women's chess and men's swimming, a third-place effort in women's basketball and fourth-place in men's basketball and men's table tennis. The Archers' poorest performance so far came in women's table tennis where they wound up fifth.

UP topped women's chess and men's swimming, placed second in women's basketball and men's chess, table tennis and volleyball and third in women's swimming and table tennis.

Aside from the men's basketball title, FEU also placed second in women's table tennis and women's volleyball.

The seniors race is far from over, though, with 14 events in nine sports—there are 14 sports in the UAAP calendar—still to be contested in the second semester of the 66th season. These are men's and women's events in athletics, badminton, fencing, football, judo, lawn tennis and taekwondo and men's baseball and women's softball.

Cariño takes F-Toyota Cup

ROSARIO, BATANGAS—JP Cariño of Intelco Racing warded off the challenge of rivals George Apacible and Arvin Drueco to sweep Sunday's races and capture the 2003 Formula Toyota Cup at the Batangas Racing Circuit here.

Cariño said he felt the pressure as the battle for the championship of the series, sponsored by Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., Toyota Motor Phils., Kilton Motors, MOF Company, Norkis Yamaha and Pagcor Sports, went down the wire.

"It was all hard work. My rivals were tough, and I had bad luck in the previous race—that's why the title race went this close," said Cariño, who triumphed on his debut season.

Cariño wrapped up the series, sanctioned by the Automobile Association of the Philippines, with 158 points.

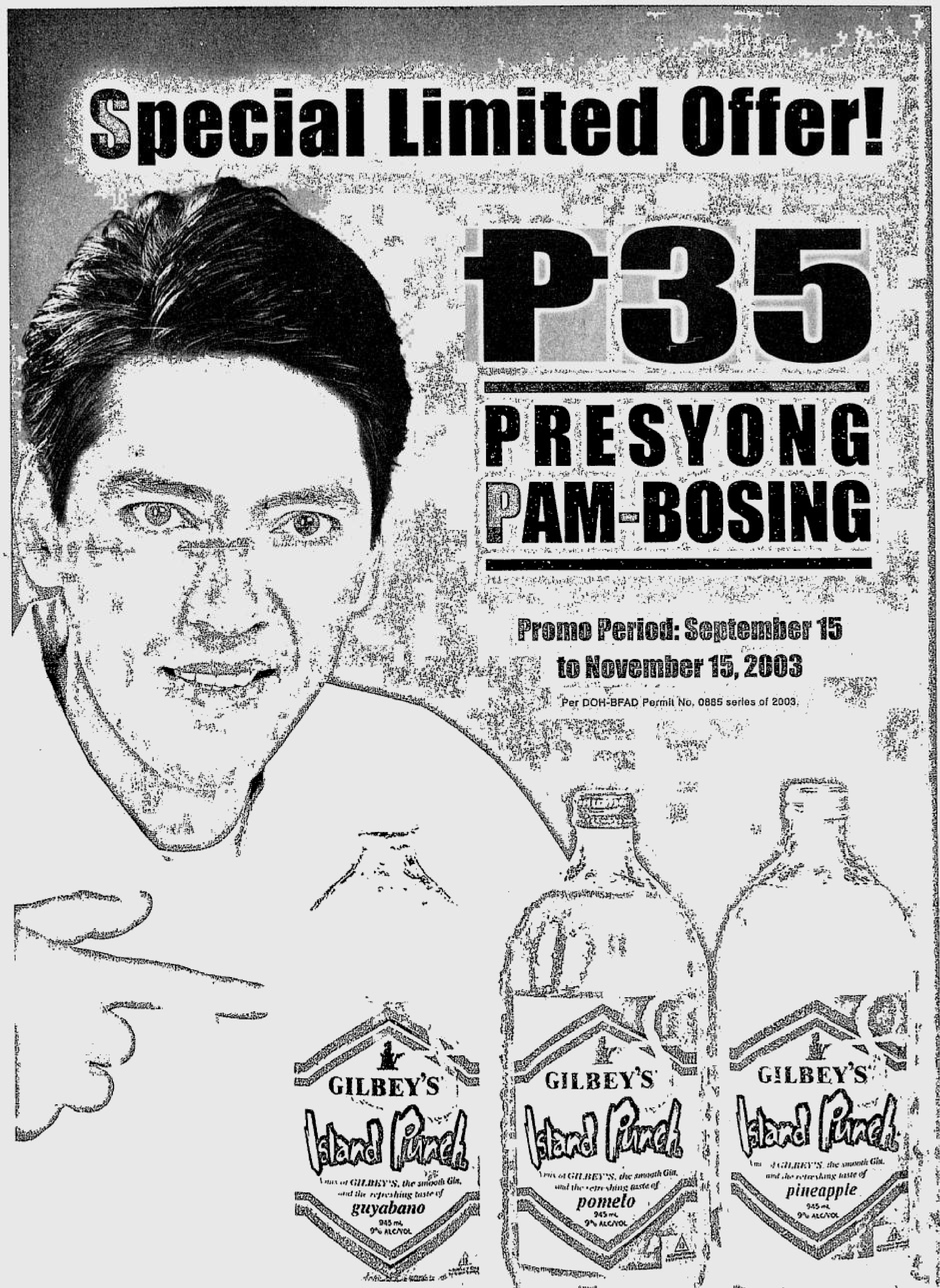
Apacible of Edgesports finished second with 143 points, eight ahead of Drueco of Casino Filipino-AF3 Edgesport-Caltex, who suffered a broken wheel support in the morning race.

Sharing the limelight with Cariño were Ferdie Ong of Speedwelle Rota and Carlos Anton of Red Horse Gulf-Oil-MP Turbo who split honors in the National Touring Car Championship, and Jeff Borja who pulled off a sweep in the TRS-Ford Lynx Cup.

Borja beat Edgar Quesada in the first race and warded off actor Dominic Ochoa in the afternoon run.

Pia Boren, last year's Arthur Tuason Memorial Cup champion, ended third in both races.

Lady driver Gabby de la Merced also swept the National Junior Touring Car Championship races, beating Alex Padua in the first race and Oscar Aguilar and Mike Francisco in the second.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SPORTSWATCH

Bayugan High booters prevail

BUTUAN CITY—Bayugan National Comprehensive High blanked Patin-ay National High, 5-0, Wednesday to rule the Agusan del Sur Coke Go-for-Goal under-16 football tournament at the DO Plaza Memorial Sports Complex field here. Romero John Cultura, A. Calinog, G. Adlaon, G. Go and J. Parba knocked in one goal each to secure the victory. Agusan Sur NHS nipped Trento NHS, 1-0, on Ivan Mark Retuerto's marker in the 60th minute to finish third. Bayugan nosed out Trento, 1-0, and Patin-ay downed Agusan Sur, 2-1, in the crossover semifinal contests. Meanwhile, 14 teams will see action in the Cebu Coke Go-for-Goal tourney which reels off tomorrow.

Taguibao world powerlifting titlist

THREE-TIME world powerlifting champion Antonio Taguibao kept his crown as he bagged three gold and one silver medals in the recent World Masters Championships in Regina City, Saskatchewan, Canada. Taguibao won three golds by lifting 347 pounds in the squat and 430 pounds in deadlift for a 964 total, and took silver in bench press with 187 pounds to beat his rival, Ecuador's Alfredo Anzules, by 44 pounds. Catalina Oca copped one silver and three bronze medals in the women's competition. She hoisted 132 pounds in bench press to take silver in the 52-kilogram category where she topped France's Anne Monjaret, and lifted 187 in squat and 259 in deadlift for a 578 total that earned her three bronzes. More than 300 athletes and officials from 32 countries saw action in the annual tourney.

Paul Harris Cup set at Southwoods

ROTARY Club of Makati-North goes for a third straight championship and the Perpetual Trophy in the 8th Paul Harris Cup scheduled Nov. 21 at the Manila Southwoods in Carmona, Cavite. Presented by Aviva and sponsored by Taylor-Made-Adidas, proceeds from this year's tournament will be used to purchase machines for the dialysis fluids donated by the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay-Guam and the Ayuda Foundation, also of Guam. "The Paul Harris Cup is a much anticipated event because it brings old friends together for a round of golf. But more than the game itself, it is rewarding to know that we are all playing for a charitable cause," said Rotary Club president Bobby Roxas. "Everybody wins in this event," noted Alberto Rosal, the Paul Harris Cup chair and Rotary Club Centennial president-elect for 2004-2005. Rotary Club of Makati-North is expected to encounter tough opposition in its bid for a 'three-peat' with Rotary clubs from Metro Manila being joined by clubs from Bacolod-North, Angeles-Sentro and Davao 200. Other entries are Rotary Clubs from Tsuan Wan-China, Buchun-Sosa-Korea and RC Tumon-Bay Guam.

Arcilla reaches Hilado Cup q'finals

BACOLOD CITY—Johnny Arcilla lived up to his favorite's role by beating Antonio Sagansay, 6-3, 6-1, yesterday and reaching the quarterfinals of the Luis Hilado Memorial Cup Tennis Championships at the Negros Occidental Tennis Association (Nota) courts here. Arcilla will next play fifth seed Alexander Lazaro, who prevailed over Cheimel Mantua, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 5-0 (ret.). Second seed Jospeh Victorino demolished Chat Conta, 6-0, 6-1, to advance against Michael Quinones, a 6-4, 6-1 winner over Rocky Paglalunan. Third seed Adelo Abadia clobbered Michael Mora III, 6-2, 6-1, to advance against sixth-ranked Jesse Lapore, who beat Rey Alipala, 6-1, 6-2. Fourth seed Rolando Ruel Jr. outclassed Pop Sabandon, 6-1, 6-1, to advance against seventh seed Elbert Anasta, who rallied past Gilbert Estrada, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4. In the women's singles, top-ranked Anna Patricia Santos defeated Aileen Rogan, 6-1, 6-4, while fourth seed Czarina Mae Arevalo blanked Lenlen Rodriguez, 6-0, 6-0.

UE fencers haul 12 gold medals

DEFENDING champion University of the East hauled in six of the 12 gold medals at stake in the first round last week of the 3rd Escrima Liga National Inter School Fencing Tournament at the PSC Fencing Hall in Pasig City. UE stamped its class in the men's individual foil (Joel Landicho), men's team foil, women's team epee, men's individual sabre (Emmanuel Bongiad), women's team sabre (Ronella Espadilla), and the women's team and sabre and snatched three silver and three bronze medals along the way. Ateneo grabbed second overall with three golds courtesy of Anne Baylon (women's individual foil), women's team foil and men's team sabre.Twelve school teams competed in the outreach project of Team Ventures. Other gold medalists included FEU's Moses Montano (men's individual epee) and men's team epee and UP's Ma. Del Carmen Galvez (women's individual epee). On hand for the awarding ceremonies were POC President Celso Dayrit, Team Ventures president Emmet Penson and tournament director Marilee Estampador.

Reyes, Tigers hold basketball clinic

COACH Chot teaches kids in Lucena City.

COACH Chot Reyes, his staff and the Coca-Cola Tigers conducted the second Coca-Cola Champions Basketball Clinic on Oct. 5 at the Manuel S. Enverga University Gymnasium in Lucena City. Around 200 students from various public schools in Lucena took part in the whole-day intensive tutorial on basketball basics . The clinic started at 9 a.m. The kids were treated to Reyes' unique style of mentoring as the hands-on coach directed the kids through the station-type teaching methodology utilized by major basketball clinics in the United States. The Tigers (fresh from their victory against the Sta. Lucia Realtors the day before) assisted their coach, giving personalized on-court mentoring on ball-handling, individual moves, rebounding, post defense and mechanics, shooting and perimeter defense. The clinic is part of the Coca-Cola Company's integrated Healthy and Active Lifestyle (HAL) program, which is endorsed by the Department of Health.

Special 3-stag derby at Pasay cockpit

MORE than 50 fights will be featured when a special 3-stag event is held at 7 p.m. today at the Pasay City Cockpit. It is sponsored by Sagupaan Hammer, Sagupaan Mite Free and Sagupaan B-50 Forten. To be hosted by the PCC management, the derby stakes P150,000 in guaranteed prize for an entry fee of P3,300. The fastest winners (combined time) will receive the following bonus prizes: 1st, 6 cu. ft. refrigerator, 2nd, 21-inch color TV, 3rd, 4th and 5th, washing machine. Meanwhile, screening for another 3-stag event on Oct. 31 will be held every Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Official screener is pit manager Eric dela Rosa. For inquiries, contact 843-1746, 843-1890 and 816-6750.

Suelo upsets Nadera, shares lead

TACLOBAN, LEYTE—Active Chess Center of Asia Inc. (Acca) games director National Master Roberto Suelo Jr. upset International Master Barlo Nadera to notch his third straight victory and share the lead with nine others after the fourth round of the 2003 Leyte Landing Open chess championships yesterday at the MacArthur Park & Beach Resort here. Handling white, the 16th seed Suelo whipped No. 3 Nadera after 59 moves of a King's Indian Attack. " *Dapat tabla lamang ang laro pero pinilit ni* Barlo," said 1996 Philippine Junior champion Suelo, whose stint here was supported by NCFP director and Belgosa Media Systems official Juanito Calditaran and Jules Advincula. Other winners include 4th seed IM Richard Bitoon, 8th seed NM Rolando Nolte, 10th seed NM Yves Ranola, 11th seed IM Jayson Gonzales, 12th seed NM Darwin Laylo, 13th seed Roland Salvador, 14th seed NM Mirabeau Maga, 21st seed NM Rodolfo Diaz Jr. and 22nd seed NM Nouri Hamed. ***NM Marlon Bernardino***

COREVENTS Asia president Corinne Lee (left), organizer of the Subaru Forester Enduraman Subic Triathlon Challenge, General Motors Inc. manager Bobby Shaw and Enduraman's Karlo Magpayo sign the contract for the staging of Asia's toughest race on Oct. 25 in Subic Bay.

9 new sports in Mindanao Games roster

NINE sports have been included by the organizing Philippine Sports Commission to the 3rd Mindanao Games set to unfold this Sunday at the Mati Centennial Sports Complex in Mati, Davao Oriental.

Making its debut in the biggest sports event in the region are billiards, cycling, dancesports, golf, gymnastics, shooting, triathlon, volleyball and weightlifting.

The other sports on tap are arnis, athletics, badminton, basketball, baseball, boxing, chess, football, judo, karatedo, pencak silat, sepak takraw, softball, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, and lawn tennis.

"While peace and development are the primary thrusts in staging the event, in line with President Macapagal Arroyo's socio-economic agenda for the region, Mindanao has been a rich breeding ground of athletic talents in the past, producing some of the finest athletes over the years," said PSC Chair Eric Buhain.

"We are also hopeful of discovering young talents who can dominate not only on the national scene, but also in the international sports arena."

Buhain noted that the staging of the Games goes hand in hand with the Mindanao National Initiative or "Mindanao Natin" program of Ms Macapagal.

The multi-sports Open event competition, which is backed by San Miguel Corp., PCSO, Baygon, Philcom, Burlington, Bachelor Express, Air Philippines, WG&A Super Ferry, Systems Technology Information, and Samsung, expects to gather about 4,000 athletes and delegation members from more than 41 provinces as well as urban and chartered cities in Mindanao.

According to PSC commissioner Leon Montemayor, overall project director, a guest delegation from Ilocos Norte, headed by former Project Gintong Alay chief Michael Keon, will join the Games scheduled to end on Oct. 24.

Sports for the differently abled, which will be spearheaded by PSC commissioner Michael Barredo of the sectoral sports, have also been included in the games.

Cagayan de Oro City took the overall crown in the inaugural staging of the event in Tubod, Lanao del Norte in 2001, while Davao City snatched the title in the game's second edition in 2002 held in Cagayan de Oro City, which featured 17 sports.

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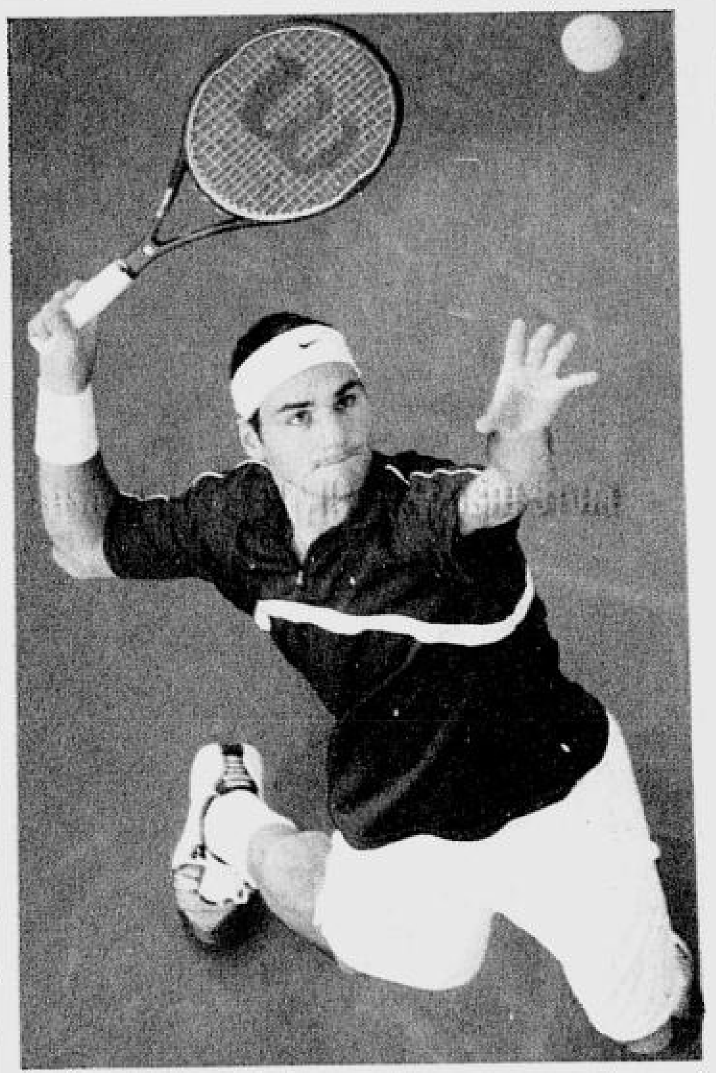
Mindanao Civic Center in Tubod, Lanao del Norte, sit



ROGER Federer serves to Spain's Alex Corretja during their second round match in the Madrid Masters. *See story on Page A30.* REUTERS

Lim mum on DFA passport cancellation

BASKETBALL Association of the Philippines secretary general Graham Lim yesterday said he can't comment on the reported cancellation of his passport as he has yet to receive a notice from the Department of Foreign Affairs.

"Nothing, not even a note," said Lim. "I learned about it only through the newspapers."

Director Bernardita Catalla of the DFA's office of consular affairs passport division cancelled Lim's current passport, which was issued on June 22, 2000, after concluding that Lim is a Chinese citizen and that his previous Philippine passports were "obtained through fraud."

The information was contained in a letter Catalla sent to international referee Liberato Valenzuela, who is questioning Lim's citizenship.

Catalla also furnished Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo with the DFA findings, which affirmed the findings of Immigration prosecutors on Lim's citizenship.

The bureau said the DFA findings will set the stage for Lim's deportation.

Lawyer Bonifacio Alentajan, Lim's counsel, however, said Lim can't be deported because the complaint filed by Valenzuela and former BAP secretary. general Emmanuel Juan Perez de Tagle was unsworn and unverified.

Moreover, Alentajan contends that Lim has been a resident of the Philippines since birth and won't be accepted by any other country.

Alentajan also said that the prescription period of two years for such cases has elapsed.

Lim was born on Feb. 7, 1957 in Manila to Chinese parents and was registered as a Chinese natonal.

The Immigration bureau said Lim remains a Chinese citizen because his petition for naturalization was dismissed by a Manila regional trial court on Feb. 8, 1995 and that a similar petition which he filed before the Office of the Solicitor General remains unresolved.

Lim said he would appeal his case once he receives the DFA notice on the passport cancellation.

With a report from Martin P. Marfil

Mati makes monumental move

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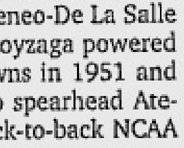

Al S. Mendoza

MATI in Davao Oriental is going to go great guns shortly and the nation seems not to be fully aware of it.

Look, a star-studded tapestry of sports icons is going to be unraveled there on Sunday. That's just two days from today. Carlos "The Great Difference" Loyzaga. Ramoncito Campos. Robert "The Big J" Jaworski. Lydia de Vega. Jairullah Jaitullah. Mona Sulaiman. Arlo Chavez. They will all be there when the Mindanao Games finally unfurls on Oct. 19 in Mati otherwise known as Rabat Country.

"Mr. Loyzaga will be accompanied no less by his son, Chito, himself a basketball legend, having been a PBA pillar for almost two decades," said Neil Bravo, second vice chairman of the Mindanao Games. "We got 'The Great Difference' out from his base in Sydney (Australia) to come visit us for this historic occasion in the name of Philippine sports."

Loyzaga, the country's undisputed basketball king of all time, is the most distinguished guest of the occasion that showcases the region's elite crop of athletes—all 4,000 of them.

Of course, it helps that the mayor of Mati, Frankie Rabat, is a former basketball great himself. He was a teammate of Loyzaga in the world-famed RP Team that placed third behind the United States and Brazil in the 1954 World Basketball Championships in Rio de Janeiro.

OK, you want more history? Trivia as only Bong Barrameda could only do so well?

Although Loyzaga is sometimes referred to as the Utility Man of Philippine basketball for his uncanny ability to play all three positions (guard, forward and center) with dexterity, the Great Difference has acknowledged to this day that when it comes to rebounding, Rabat is simply tops. *Numero uno*. Now hold your horses, fellas.

Rabat who again?

Aha, Rabat is not "only" presently the mayor of Mati, the capital town of Davao Oriental. He is also the father of the Mindanao Games.

In his prime, Rabat was the "Rajah of Rebounds" as the great sportscaster, Willie Hernandez, called him. If the NBA had a Wilt Chamberlain, or a Bill Russell if you wish, the Philippines had, for many years, a Rabat who dominated the boards. He was, for all intents and purposes, the original Chairman of the Board of Philippine basketball.

Here's more.

In the '50s, Ateneo and San Beda College had a rivalry that put the Ateneo-De La Salle feud in the sidelines. After Loyzaga powered San Beda to the NCAA crowns in 1951 and 1952, it was Rabat's turn to spearhead Ateneo's drive for a similar back-to-back NCAA championships in 1953 and 1954.

You think that was it?

Think again, fellas.

The Loyzaga-Rabat rivalry was to be reprised some two decades later when their sons, Chito Loyzaga and Louie Rabat, would also rise and lead their respective schools to NCAA victories in the mid-'70s. Chito, for San Beda, and Louie, for Ateneo. Well, hasn't it been said that history loves to repeat itself? While Chito would graduate into one of the 25 greatest PBA players ever, Louie, one of the finest point guards collegiate basketball has ever produced, however, skipped the big time in favor of a life of, well, ease in the United States.

"He got bored playing the game and went to America for a change," said Neil, Louie's bosom buddy.

Louie Rabat is back and has a flourishing trading business in Mati. But more importantly, he will be inducted into the next Ateneo Hall of Fame awards for basketball excellence. Before that, however, Louie will have to finish his job as first vice chair of the Mindanao Games, a prelude to the Palarong Pambansa on Oct. 25-29 in Tubod, Lanao del Norte, where elementary and high school students will display their wares under the watchful eyes of Chair Eric Buhain of the Philippine Sports Commission and Commissioner Binggoy Montemayor. The two gentlemen will likewise be in Mati before proceeding to Tubod to scout new talents to buttress the ranks of the nation's pool of would-be sports stars.

If GMA graces the Mati opening ceremonies this Sunday, that would reaffirm the President's commitment to unify the land we have known so long as the haven of terrorism. Just for once, through sports, let's give peace a chance.

See you then in Mati, Madam?

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FASTBREAK. Fernando Poe Jr. will host a big party to celebrate the first anniversary of his FPJ For Peace Movement on Oct. 25 at the Cuneta Astrodome in Pasay City. The king of Philippine movies for nearly four decades now will be joined by his friends and supporters in the bash that begins at 4 p.m. Admission is free. . .Rockwell's Hawkers Market on Friday and Saturday nights is fast becoming a favorite haunt. I love it there as I often see friends frequenting the place; the last time out, I saw my buddy, Raul Marcelo, the Inquirer business editor whom I haven't seen for quite sometime. Over there, food's great; and it comes cheap.

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e of the Palarong Pambansa which starts Oct. 25.

Tour of Tarlac next on busy cycling sked

AFTER Pangasinan, races will be scheduled in Tarlac, a first-ever around Metro Manila's perimeter, Tagaytay and another unprecedented in Puerto Princesa for the pre-2004 Tour Pilipinas.

The Tour of Tarlac, a component of the pre-2004 Tour season presented by Air21 chaired by Bert Lina and chiefly sponsored by FedEx and Mail and More, will be run Oct. 26.

Barely two weeks after that would be the Tour of Metro Manila on Nov. 9, a first-ever bicycle race that would circle the National Capital Region on a course that starts and finishes in Marikina City.

The Metro Manila Development Authority chaired by Bayani Fernando is the Tour's major partner in the Metro Manila race, an event that covers more than a hundred kilometers and one that would reach as far north of the metropolis as Novaliches and as far south as Alabang.

The Metro Manila race was originally set this Sunday (Oct. 19) but was rescheduled to Nov. 9.

Riders hoping to make the 2004 Tour would vie in a two-day qualifying race on Nov. 15 and 16 in Tagaytay City. Riders who did not finish in the Top 36 of the 2003 Tour and those that failed to make the roster will shoot for 2004 slots in Tagaytay.

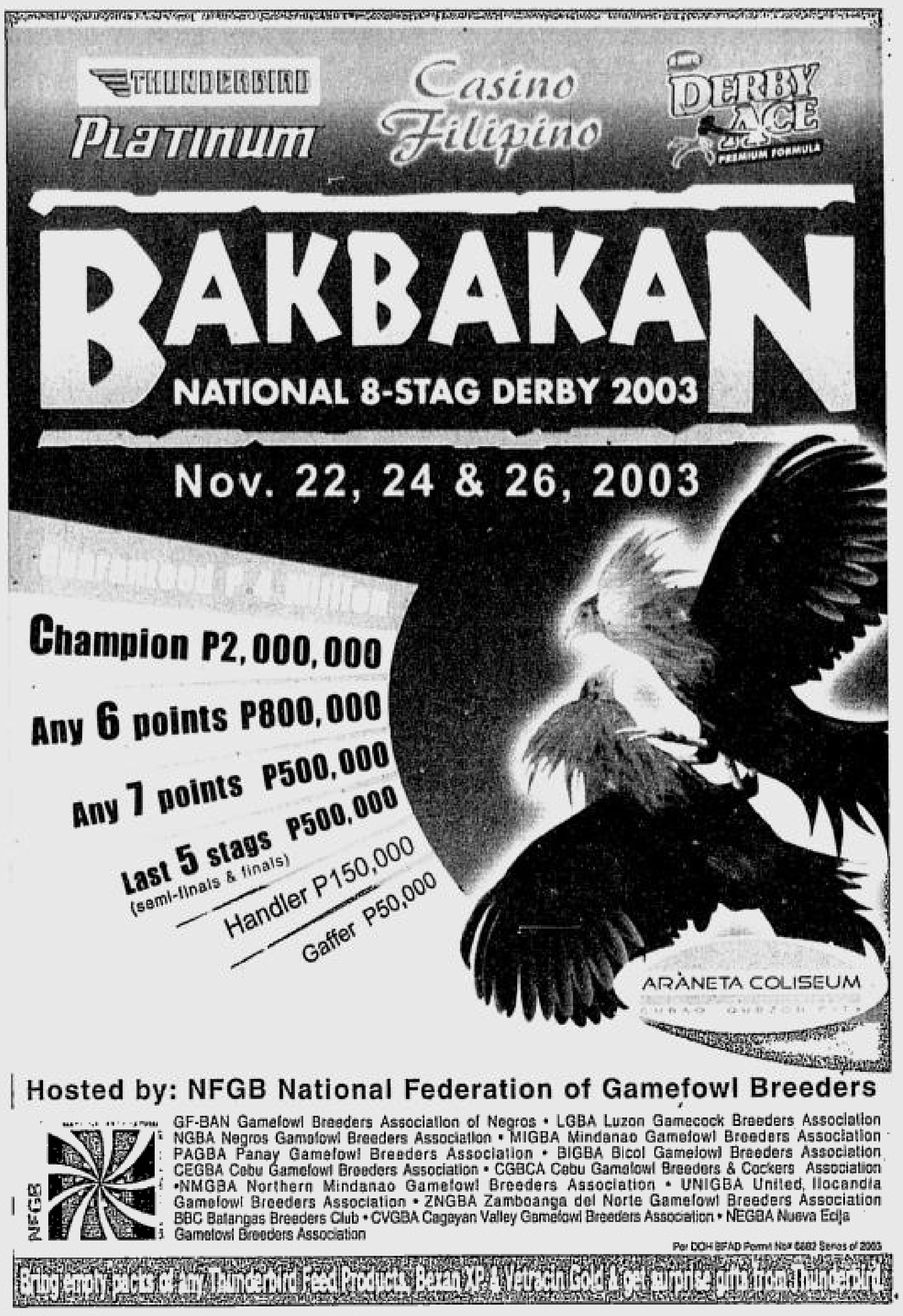
Capping the pre-Tour season special and qualifying race schedule is a two-day race in Puerto Princesa City, a first in the capital city that has metamorphosed from a resort haven to a sporting mecca courtesy of Mayor Edward Hagedorn.

The same 12 teams in the Tour Pilipinas roster are again vying in these races. These are 2003 champion Intel, Pangasinan Races titlist Tanduay Rhum Riders, PagcorSports, Bowling Gold Road Raiders, PLDT-NDD, Gilbey's Island Punch, Samsung, DOTC Postmen, DILG Patrol 117, DILG Drug Busters, DENR Ecosavers and BIR VAT Riders.

All these preludes will culminate in the 2004 Tour Pilipinas which will kick off in Samar and Leyte, pierce through Bicol and circle Luzon on its eastern side with a stop at the famous Banawe Rice Terraces before taking the western route—with the dreaded Baguio stage intact—on the way back to Metro Manila.

The 2004 Tour is slated at an earlier schedule in late March because of the general elections in May. The 2004 edition will cover 17 stages spread over 21 days.

The Tour Pilipinas held the two-stage Pangasinan Races last weekend with Tanduay and Arnel Quirimit, the 2003 champion, running away with the crowns.



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BEER NA BEER SWEEPS CBL SEMIS, CLAIMS FINALS STINT

TOP RP and Asian Snooker player Marlon Manalo displayed briliant veteran moves and strategy enroute to a lopsided 5-1 victory over Accel to clinch the first finals berth of the country's first major billiards League - The Corporate Billiards League (CBL) - at the Robinson's Galleria.

Manalo, backed up by Al Ortega and Emil De La Paz, gave it all he got to deny the rivals and the chance to get back on track in the last tow racks for a sweep of the semifinal round of this tournament sponsored by Tanduay and 'HOPE' THE LUXURY CIGARETTE.

Accel, which dropped to 1-2, could only hope for London Gin to win over Skyflakes and forge a three-way tie for the other final berth.

Even at the start, Beer na Beer showed its determination to get into the best-of-seven championship series as it quickly raced to a 3-0 lead.

Top European player Marcus Chamat, together with teammates Daniel De La Rosa and Chris Dayrit, tried to swing the momentum to Accel's side as he drilled in the No.2 ball after his break. However, he also scratched the cue ball, paving the way for De La Paz' ball in hand.

De La Paz drilled in balls No. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 but lacked the needed preparation on ball No. 7. He opted to play safe by trying to hide the cue ball behind the no. 9 ball. But his attempt backfired, resulting to a foul that gave De La Rosa a ball in hand for Accel's first point, 1-3.

Sensing that the opportunity could open doors for Accel's comeback, Manalo opted for a push following his break that sent in the No. 1 ball.

Charmat refused to fall for Manalo's trap and instead went for a safe ball placing that Ortega also failed to counter. Ortega also opted to play safe but erred on his move - giving De La Rosa the chance for a second straight point.

However, De La Rosa had problems on ball No. 7 and committed a crucial error, which Manalo transformed into a 4-1 lead for Beer na Beer.

Accel still refused to yield as it tried to outsmart Beer na Beer on the sixth rack. However, it went the other way around. Ortega hid the cue ball behind the No.9 ball, which Chamat, countered with a cue jump.

It did hit a ball but not enough to send it in. That prepared everything for Manalo to wrap up the win for Beer na Beer.

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NAT'L LEAGUE

Marlins take it

CHICAGO—Forget about the Cubs curse and give the Florida Marlins some credit, they are the deserving champions of the National League.

Who says so? Chicago Cubs manager Dusty Baker, that's who.

Moments after the Marlins beat his Cubs, 9-6, in the seventh and deciding game of the National League Championship Series, Baker said: "We didn't lose the pennant, the Marlins won it.

"We were close and the Marlins took it from us, it's as simple as that." It is never really simple explaining how the Cubs yet again managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory, something the franchise has been doing since 1908, the last year it won a World Series title.

That is the longest drought in professional sports in North America, a distinction the Cubs will have to carry with them for at least another year.

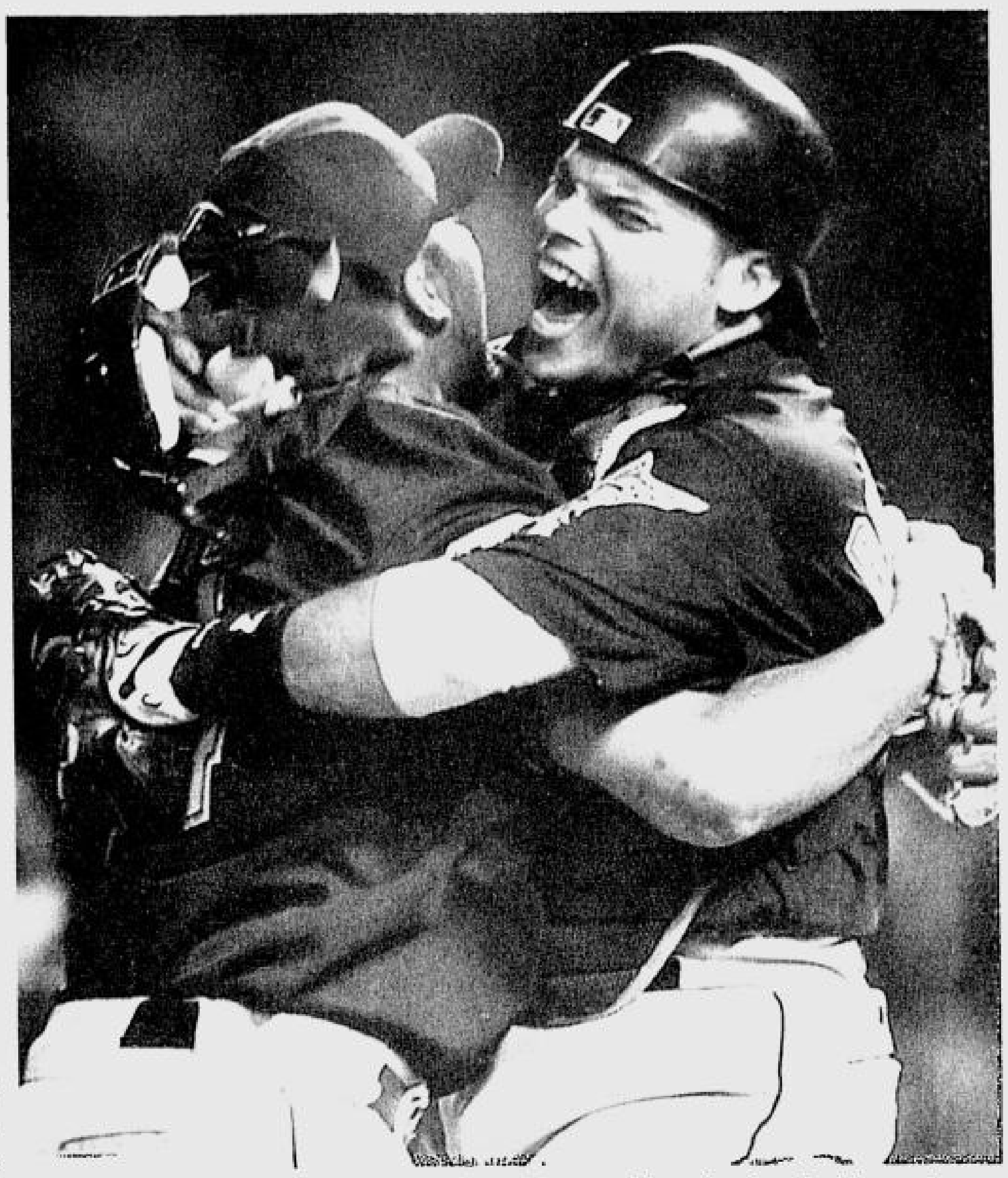
Chicago had the Marlins on the ropes, leading the best-of-seven series three games to one. Only five teams in post-season history had ever come back from such a deficit.

The home team, in fact, had won 12 of the last 13 deciding games in the baseball playoffs, so even after losing Games Five and Six, one might think the Cubs could find a way this time around.

But much to the horror of the 39,574 fans at Wrigley Field, those numbers did not hold up this year and as a result, the 11-year-old Marlins will be playing for their second World Series title. The Cubs will make it 96 years between championships when spring training rolls around.

The infamous Cubs fans' cry —"Just wait till next year"—will be heard once again all winter, thanks to a scrappy bunch of Marlins that were nearly contracted by major league baseball a couple of seasons back.

"The Cubs were America's favorite," Florida manager Jack McKeon said. "I think we're the darlings of the baseball world now." *Reuters*



PITCHER Ugueth Urbina (left) of the Marlins celebrates with catcher Ivan Rodriguez after the final out against the Chicago Cubs.

AFP

Anguish reigns in Chicago

CUBS fan weeps.

CHICAGO—In the words of renowned Chicago Cubs baseball broadcaster Jack Brickhouse, any team can have a bad century.

The Cubs, the team that has gone longer than any other major American professional sports franchise without winning a championship, found a way to lose again on Wednesday. They dropped the decisive seventh game of the National League Championship Series to the Florida Marlins.

One of the oldest clubs in Major League Baseball, Chicago has not won the World Series since 1908, fueling talk of a Cubs Curse. The Marlins, one of the newest teams, are headed to their second title series after winning in 1997.

Wednesday's roller-coaster game dragged fans through several lead changes before the Marlins built up a 9-6 cushion in the seventh inning and never looked back.

Stunned and sullen fans streamed out of Wrigley Field, where Cubs faithful flock every year to watch their beloved team. *Reuters*

Cubs fan apologizes for blocking outfielder

CHICAGO—Steve Bartman, the Chicago Cubs fan who won a place in his long-suffering team's history by blocking an outfielder's bid to glove an out, apologized Wednesday to the Major League Baseball club and supporters.

"I am truly sorry from the bottom of this Cubs fan's broken heart," Bartman said in a statement.

Bartman was sitting in the front row of seats along the left-field line Tuesday in game six of the National League finals between Florida and the Cubs, who have not been to a World Series since 1945 and not won one since 1908.

When an eighth-inning foul ball dropped down toward him, Bartman—wearing a Cubs cap and radio headphones—reached up to try and catch it, unaware that Cubs outfielder Moises Alou was making a leaping bid for the ball as well.

Bartman missed the grab but in doing so knocked the ball from the glove of Alou, who jumped and yelled in frustration at missing the chance for what would have been the second out of the inning.

Bartman, 26, needed the aid of security guards to escape the stadium. Fans threatened him, poured beer on him and generally blamed him for the loss. *AFP*

Tiger snubs $1.7M purse

VIRGINIA WATER, England—One of golf's richest events is without many of its wealthiest players.

The winner Sunday of the World Match Play Championship picks up a tidy 1 million pounds (US$1.67 million). Only one event has offered a winner more —the Sun City Challenge in South Africa paid US$2 million.

A half-dozen eligible Americans didn't take the bait: Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Jim Furyk, Davis Love, David Toms and Kenny Perry.

The field is headed by defending champion Ernie Els and the winners of three of this season's four majors: Canadian Mike Weir, and Americans Shaun Micheel and Ben Curtis.

"It doesn't matter if the first prize is 2 million pounds (US$3.34 million)," said Thomas Bjorn, the only European in the 12-man field. "They probably wouldn't come anyway. It's not a question of money. It's a question of making it comfortable for themselves." *AP*

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Sox, Yankees ready for AL showdown

NEW YORK—It has all the makings to be one of the all-time classics—Roger Clemens against Pedro Martinez, the Boston Red Sox against the New York Yankees—the American League pennant is on the line.

Game Seven. Winner take all between two of baseball's greatest traditional rivals. For a baseball purist, it just does not get any better than that.

"Tomorrow should be an exciting day," Boston manager Grady Little said after his Red Sox forced the deciding game of the ALCS with a 9-6 win over the Yankees on Wednesday.

That may be the understatement of the year, as the Red Sox look to win their first AL pennant since 1986 and try and shake the infamous "Curse of the Bambino" that has dogged the franchise since 1920.

That was the year Boston sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees, two years after its last World Series win, in 1918.

But this is 2003 and the Red Sox are hopeful that history will not repeat itself this October.

The game on Thursday will be the 26th time this season that New York and Boston will play, setting a record for the most meetings between two teams in a season. New York has won 13 of the 25 games to date. *Reuters*

WORLD RECORD
Tunisian Hayet Sassi lifts 122.5 kg clean and jerk to win gold and also set a new world record in the final of women 63 kg weightlifting Oct. 15 at the Abuja sport complex gymnasium.

NBA to realign in 2004 with 30-team 6 divisions

NEW YORK—National Basketball Association owners are likely to realign the league from four divisions to six divisions of five teams each next year when an expansion club in Charlotte boosts the NBA to 30 clubs.

NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said Wednesday that a realignment proposal could be voted upon as quickly as next month by the NBA Board of Governors.

The Charlotte Bobcats will join the NBA for the 2004-2005 season and play in the Eastern Conference while Charlotte's former team, the New Orleans Hornets, will move from the East to the Western Conference.

That would balance each conference at 15 teams. Eight teams from each would make the playoffs, most likely the division champions and the five teams with the next best records regardless of division.

Logical geography could see four California clubs, including the Los Angeles Lakers and Sacramento, grouped together with Phoenix and the three Texas teams, including Houston and San Antonio, joined by Memphis and New Orleans.

In the East, five Midwest US clubs could be linked. *AFP*

Ferrero, Roddick enter 2nd round

MADRID—Top two seeds Juan Carlos Ferrero and Andy Roddick survived second-round scares at the Madrid Masters on Wednesday to leave the race for the world number one spot finely poised.

Ferrero, roared on by the majority of a home crowd including Real Madrid and England soccer player David Beckham and his wife Victoria, saved two matchpoints on his way to digging out a 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 victory over South Africa's Wayne Ferreira, who was appalled by the public's behavior.

Ferrero leads the ATP entry list by a few points from Roddick, who kept up the pressure on the Spaniard with a less passionate but equally close 6-1, 6-7, 7-5 success against Max Mirnyi of Belarus.

Roger Federer, currently ranked third and also in with a chance of finishing the year in top spot, had a much more straightforward 6-4, 6-3 win over Spain's Alex Corretja.

To round off the day's play, Carlos Moya also saved a matchpoint on his way to a 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 win over the Argentine Gaston Gaudio.

The outstanding serve of the Swiss Federer, who won in Vienna last week, took him to victory in just 70 minutes against Corretja.

Reuters

Henin wins

ZURICH—World number two Justine Henin-Hardenne stayed on a collision course with fellow Belgian and world number one Kim Clijsters after a 6-1, 7-6 win over Israeli Anna Pistolesi in the Swisscom Challenge on Wednesday.

Henin will meet seventh seed Vera Zvonareva in the quarterfinals after the Russian beat American Amy Frazier 6-3, 7-5.

Fourth-seeded Russian Elena Dementieva, the world number eight, lost to compatriot Nadia Petrova 7-6, 6-3. *Reuters*

Kobe 'arrogant star'

BRYANT

EAGLE, Colorado—Prosecutors tried to portray Kobe Bryant as an arrogant superstar who forced himself on a woman and wouldn't take no for an answer. Defense attorneys were just as rough with his accuser, suggesting she had sex with several men in the days before she said Bryant raped her.

Now it's up to a judge to decide whether the Los Angeles Lakers' guard will stand trial on charges that could send him to prison for the rest of his life.

A two-day preliminary hearing jammed full of revealing details about both Bryant and his accuser ended Wednesday with one more startling revelation—that the panties the woman wore to her rape exam had both sides claiming victory, with the prosecution saying it presented clear evidence the woman was raped and the defense contending she lied about a sexual encounter with a celebrity. *AP*

Plantation-Midlands golf set tomorrow

A BUSINESS class ticket to any US destination will be the hole-in-one prize in the Plantation Hills-Midlands golf tournament set tomorrow at the challenging Midlands golf course in Tagaytay.

The round-trip ticket, courtesy of Northwest Airlines, one of the regular sponsors of the organizing Belle Corp., is the major prize in this third of a five-leg series culminating with the Club Championships in November and the Merry Mix-up tournament in December.

This one-day event, however, will serve as the grand launching of the latest of Belle Corp.'s leisure developments—"The Greenlands," site of the residential/farm development also known as the Plantation Hills. It is the third phase of Belle Corp.'s sprawling complex after the Tagaytay Highlands and the Midlands.

Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain and sports commissioner Ambrosio de Luna, have been invited to again grace the keenly awaited tournament.

Belle Corp. is chaired by Benito Tan Guat, with Willy Ocier and Hans Sy as vice chairs. The club president and general manager are Jerry Tiu and Nick Celdran, respectively, with Loy Bernardino as golf director.

Plantation Hills lot owners and members of the Tagaytay Highlands and Midlands head a banner field vying for top honors in various divisions. The field will be divided into four groups with Group I for those with handicaps from 0-6; Group II (7-9); and Group III (10-and-above). The ladies division will be an open classification.

The contest for overall low gross team honors is expected to be fierce. The format will be a two-man scramble, with each team to be composed of a member and a guest.

Organizers said mixed teams will be allowed in the tournament—also supported by Caltex Starcard, Lacoste, Unilab, Perfect Smile Laser Whitening, GAOC, Oakley, Godiva, and Fly Ace Corp.—provided the female player will tee off from the white tees.

Registration is still ongoing. Fees are pegged at P3,500 per team. For Plantation Hills lot owners and their guests, the fees will be shouldered by Belle Corp./Plantation Hills. Late registrants will have until 6 a.m. on tournament day to sign up. Tee-off is set from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. simultaneously on hole Nos. 1 and 10. For inquiries, call (046) 4132639.

Wind Blown hurt at SLLP

Comeback race on hold

By Edwin Villanueva

WIND Blown's comeback bid suffered a major setback when the two-time Horse of the Year injured his foot while working out last Monday at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

The multititled horse stepped on a stone while being led to the SLLP training track and wound up with a swollen hoof, prompting owner Hermie Esguerra to cancel his participation in the coming Philtobo-Mitra Cup Classic.

"It's a very unfortunate incident but I want to assure Wind Blown's fans that we will try our best to bring him back to his old fighting form," Esguerra told the INQUIRER yesterday.

The incident also forced Esguerra to have Wind Blown scratched from the barrier trial scheduled last Wednesday night at the SLLP.

Wind Blown's trainer, Nestor Manalang, said the injury may take at least a week or two to heal.

Manalang said Wind Blown was being led to the main track early Monday morning when the incident happened. The Hazm-Wind In My Hair progeny was supposed to make his final workout under an exercise rider—prior to the scheduled race Wednesday.

The Mitra Cup Classic, one of the six major championships lined up by the Philippine Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Organization (Philtobo), is tentatively set for Nov. 2 at the Carmona, Cavite racetrack.

Rested since losing in the First Gentleman's Silver Cup last April, the seven-year-old Wind Blown was scheduled to be ridden by star jockey Jeffril Zarate on his return.

Last year, Wind Blown failed in his bid to win the Presidential Gold Cup, a record three straight years, but bounced back mightily to win the season-ending Classic Open.

MARATHON FINALS

Time to shine for underdogs

WITH the country's top long distance runners on the sidelines, it's a wide open race in the finals of the 27th Milo Marathon starting and ending in front of the Quirino Grandstand at the Rizal Park this Sunday.

Cash prizes totaling about P950,000 and the titles of marathon king and queen will be up for grabs in the culmination of an event that started with 13 regional elimination races in key cities from Luzon to Mindanao.

Defending champions Eduardo Buenavista and Geraldine Sealza, and former champions Roy Vence, Allan Ballester and Christabel Martes won't be running as they concentrate on their training for the Vietnam Southeast Asian Games in December.

"We understand their decision and we wish them the best of luck," said Milo Sports executive Pat Goc-ong.

"And so this year's event will be a golden opportunity for the lesser lights in Philippine long-distance running to shine."

In the absence of the top guns, Baguio leg champion Crisanto Canillo looms as one of the favorites in the event, held in partnership with Cebu Pacific, Bayview Park Hotel, Adidas, Powerbar and the Department of Tourism.

The other regional qualifiers expected to crowd Canillo for top honors are Tuguegarao champ Rodolfo Tacadino, Metro Manila's Noel Bautista and Rowel Canillo, Tarlac bet and Olongapo leg winner Mamerto Corpuz, and Cebu champion Bowen Montecillo.

Several veteran runners appear ready to succeed Sealza. They include Marychiel Minas, Hazel Madamba, Gloria Diaz, Metro Manila titlist Lisa Yambao, her sister Luisa Yambao-Raterta, winner in the Naga leg; Lisa Delfin, Enate Sayrol, Cebu-leg champion Christy Sevilleno and Lipa's Myra Luz Abueg.

"It is also possible that a complete unknown will take the opportunity and go all out to win the (race) and that would be good for the sport," said race organizer Rudy Biscocho.

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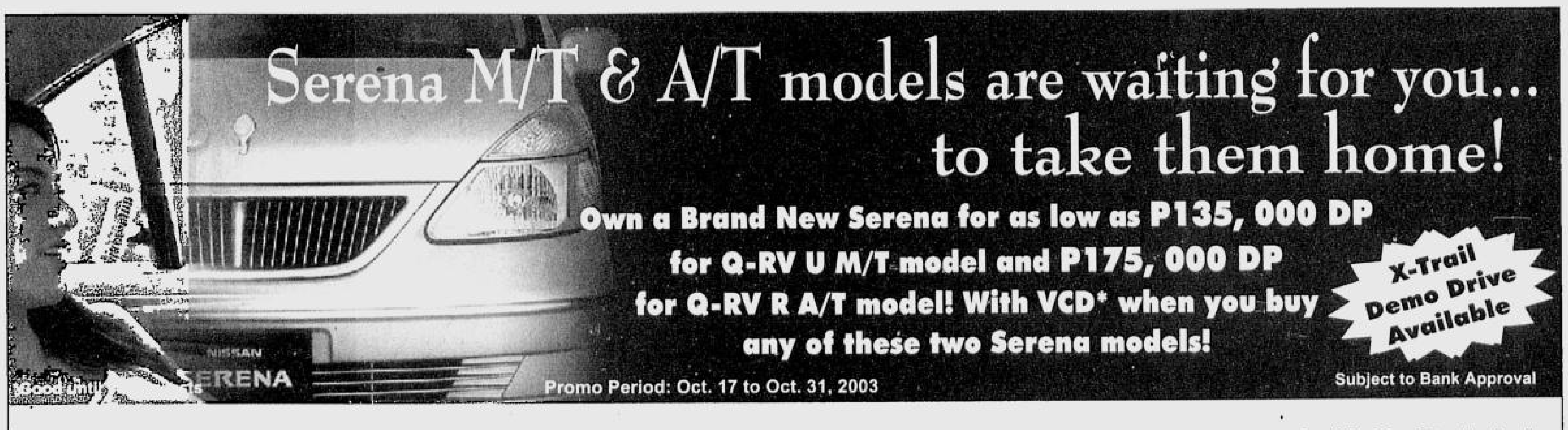

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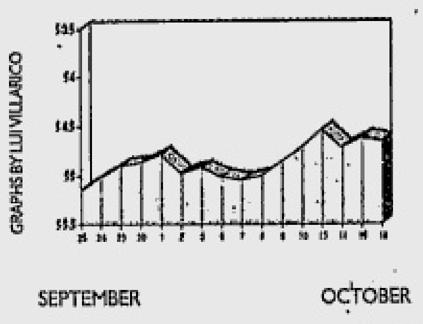

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Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000538	0.000627	0.034300

STOCK MARKET

Stocks end higher

STOCKS, led by telecom leader PLDT, rebounded yesterday after two straight days of losses as punters took positions ahead of third-quarter corporate results later this month, analysts said.

Gains were tempered by political uncertainties and worries over the country's budget deficit despite public excitement ahead of US President George W. Bush's visit this weekend.

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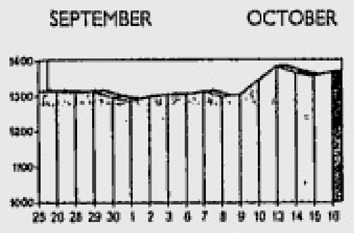


(See stock market report on Page B6)

Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT), the country's biggest telephone company, is widely expected to post strong gains in the third quarter driven by mobile phone growth. Its stock rose 2.17 percent or P15 to P705. It was the most actively traded issue.

"Investor sentiment has steadily improved although gains have continued to be limited by lingering concerns over politics and the economy," BPI Securities investment analyst Spencer Yap said.

The Philippine main index finished 12.15 points or 0.9 percent higher at 1,368.30. The market is up 34.36 percent so far this year.

Turnover rose to P731.3 million from P492.94 million on Wednesday.

In the broader market, gainers beat losers 38 to 16 and there were 42 stocks unchanged.

Analysts saw the market bobbing within a tight range in the near term given a lack of firm leads as players await the third-quarter earnings reports.

The government, which is expected to report its budget deficit for September next week, has said it missed its tax collection goal for the month by nearly 10 percent, based on preliminary figures, raising the chances it overshot its target.

Taxes account for 70 percent of the total government revenues.

"We expect the market to continue with its sideways movement as some investors may continue to take profits while others accumulate select issues at lower prices," Yap said.

"Initial support is at 1,330, then 1,300. Resistance is at 1,360 and next at 1,386."

Reuters

Globe joins buyout of Deutsche Telekom stake

GLOBE Telecom Inc. has bought 12 million of its common shares from German holding firm DeTeAsia Holding GmbH for P8.16 billion, representing part of Deutsche Telekom AG's recently relinquished 24.8-percent stake in the company.

Debt-laden Deutsche Telekom decided to sell its stake in Globe to partners Singapore Telecommunications Ltd. and Ayala Corp. in a bid to unload offshore investments.

Singapore Telecom International Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of SingTel, and Ayala Corp. the other day announced its acquisition of Deutsche Telekom's stake in Globe through the purchase of 21.64 million and 16.04 million common shares of Globe at P680 each, respectively.

The two shareholders then gave Globe an option to participate in the transaction by buying back part of the DeTeAsia shares.

With Globe participating in the transaction, Ayala's block had been reduced to 10.04 million shares and SingTel's to 15.64 million, Globe said in a statement yesterday.

Globe's 12 million shares would then be kept as treasury stocks, Globe chief finance officer Delfin Gonzalez Jr. said.

Globe would use available cash to pay for the 12 million shares it bough back. As of end-June, the company had cash and cash

GLOBE/ B7

By Clarissa S. Batino

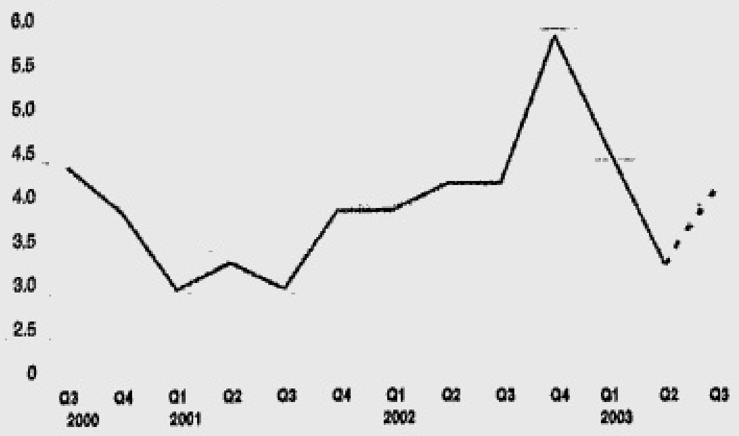
THE COUNTRY'S gross domestic product (GDP) was likely to have expanded by 4 percent in the third quarter, Economic Planning Secretary Romulo Neri said yesterday.

The figure was well within the government's official target of 3.8- 4.3 percent for the period, Neri said, attributing the outcome to a recovery in the agricultural sector and improved economic activity following increased government spending.

GDP in the last quarter of the year should expand by 4.5-5.6 percent year-on-year to meet the lower end of the government's full-year growth target of 4.2 percent to 5.2 percent, Neri said.

"Government spending will (also) be recovering in the third quarter. Belt-tightening measures (implemented in the first half) have impacted more than about one percent on growth," Neri told reporters.

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT
3rd quarter 2000 to 3rd quarter 2003, in percent



GDP grew 3.9 percent year-on-year in the first half.

Neri earlier said economic prospects for 2004 were expected to be better but would be largely dependent on the results of next year's presidential elections.

In the second quarter, GDP growth fell to 3.2 percent against a target of 3.7 to 4.4 percent due to the slowdown in agriculture caused by the El Niño weather phenomenon, which curbed farm output.

Neri said higher public spending in the third quarter propelled growth in public construction and consumption. Government spending accounts for about 10 percent of GDP.

From July to September, the government spent more than the target and this pushed the budget deficit above the monthly ceilings. In August and September, expenditures exceeded their goals by about P10 billion a month.

Meeting the GDP target is also crucial in hitting the budget deficit ceiling of P202 billion this year. A percentage point drop in the GDP compared to the target would reduce revenue collection by about P5 billion.

Next year, Neri said he believed the higher spending as a result of the elections could push GDP growth up by about a percentage point against a forecast of 4.9 to 5.8 percent.

"Candidates are expected to spend millions for printing, food and transportation. If the funds would be coming from idle sources like bank savings, then it would v have a positive multiplier effect of about a percentage point increase in growth," Neri said. Spending among politicians next year will complement a P2.9-billion appropriation in the budget for the government to hold the elections.

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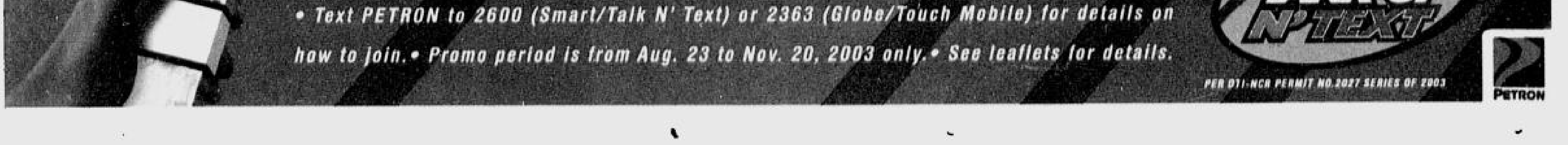

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Smuggling and elections

COMMENTARY

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

LAST April, we were celebrating with the Cordillera vegetable farmers the significant and better than expected victory in the anti-smuggling drive. The smuggling rate for imported container vans carrying agricultural products had dropped from 40 percent to less than one percent in less than three months.

Several groups who worked as a team in achieving this success were acknowledged: (1) the Cordillera farmers and other farmer groups such as the National Federation of Hog Raisers, Inc. which were the first to be deputized to inspect the imported container vans; (2) the Presidential Security Guard, which conducted 100 percent inspection of these vans; (3) the honest Department of Agriculture (DA) personnel who supported, instead of sabotaged, the anti-smuggling effort; (4) the political leaders such as Benguet Gov. Raul Molintas, Mountain Province Gov. Sario Malinias, and La Trinidad Mayor Maur Fongwan who gave all-out support to the farmers, and (5) most of all, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) people under Commissioner Antonio Bernardo, who spearheaded the drive.

Changes

To succeed in the fight against smuggling, new procedures were instituted, such as the 100-percent inspection of imported container vans. Government personnel of high integrity were carefully selected to lead the drive. Most importantly, changes in policy were made. Instead of stopping at confiscating the smuggled goods, charges would now be filed against the suspected smugglers.

Instead of allowing the erring importers to get back the smuggled goods by merely paying a penalty or auctioning these goods at a price well below the domestic price level, these goods would either be destroyed or disposed of in a way that they would be inaccessible to the smugglers. Instead of the inspection being done by only the Bureau of Customs and the Department of Agriculture (where even the DA personnel would complain that they would sometimes not even be informed of the inspection), now the Presidential Security Guard and the farmer groups would also inspect the goods.

The farmer groups were even given a desk at the Bureau of Customs area in the ports for easy access for the inspections and other anti-smuggling activities.

Warning

"Don't feel too happy yet," one of the Cordillera governors told us. "When elections come, smuggling will return. Unscrupulous politicians consider smuggling an easy source of money for their electoral bids."

It appears that this prediction is starting to come true. Alfred Alangdeo, a Cordillera vegetable farmer leader who helped start the anti-smuggling drive, said, "We fear we will lose the gains we have achieved. Our main ally in the Bureau of Customs has been moved out. The person we most suspect of conniving with the smugglers has been given a key position. There was even an ambush made on the person who helped us get our Farmers/Fisherfolk /Agriwatch Desk in the Bureau of Customs area of the Manila International Container Port: Customs Collector Felipe Bartolome."

Mr. Alangdeo cites three harmful consequences if unabated smuggling returns: "First, these smuggled goods constitute health hazards for the consumers since they do not pass quarantine inspection. Second, they pose unfair competition for the farmers, selling goods often at dumped prices, which further decrease the already very low incomes of the farmers. Third, the money that could have come from the tariff collections for the benefit of our people will be lost. Instead, the benefits from smuggling will go to unscrupulous politicians who may even use this money to subvert our democratic processes."

Politician's downfall

Vicente Fabe of the Alyansa Agrikultura, a coalition of federations representing more than a million small farmers and fisherfolk, says that politicians who use smuggling to get resources for elections may instead find it to be their downfall. This is because the farmers are watching this area carefully and will campaign against these politicians.

The Alyansa is also watching whether the anti-smuggling policies and procedures recently put into place will be dismantled for the elections.

This will test the sincerity of the government's initial drive against smuggling. Last week, there were newspaper reports that people who had smuggled banned carrots from China were charging high government officials with extortion.

They claimed that after giving P3.1 million in extortion money, they were asked to give P5 million more to release the smuggled goods. True or not, the fact that even possible smugglers are coming out in the open shows that something is seriously wrong.

The Cordillera farmers, with BOC help, currently have in their possession manifests of 15 smuggled containers now being held at the Batangas Port.

The farmers have found that since they are watching the Manila ports closely, smuggling has recently surfaced in Batangas, where the farmers are getting death threats for their vigilance there.

Only three days ago, the following text message was received: "There is Indonesian corn being dumped in Makar, General Santos. This is unlicensed and without a legitimate manifest. It has been scheduled for bidding. If there is a failure, it will be sold under negotiation."

Mr. Fabe asks, "If this is true, what has happened to the policy of preventing smugglers from gaining access to confiscated smuggled goods? Is this the start of the reversal of the anti-smuggling policies because elections are coming?"

The farmers involved in the anti-smuggling drive vow to watch, oppose, and work against the politicians who will use smuggling as a source of funds for their electoral dreams. They say they will work with honest government people to turn these unscrupulous politicians' dreams into their worst nightmares.

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AY vs. Tatang

COCKTALES

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THE BATTLE between taipans Henry "Tatang" Sy and Alfonso Yuchengco for the control of China Bank is now out in the open.

The Yuchengco bank RCBC told the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday that it had filed a suit questioning the sale of a crucial China Bank bloc to two fund companies controlled by the Sys instead of selling the shares at a lower price to RCBC as had been originally agreed upon.

Equivalent to 8.079 percent of China Bank as of end-June, the contested bloc had been acquired by two fund management companies from China Bank shareholder International Commercial Bank of China.

The sale was recently crossed at the stock exchange through Lucky Securities, whose nominee Eddie Gobing, is a known ally of the Sys.

"ICBC cannot defraud our Group by thereafter selling said shares to another for a higher price, more so after public disclosure (had) been made with ICBC's consent," RCBC said in a statement.

The ICBC bloc and a host of smaller acquisitions, plus the existing 38.4 percent of the Sys, would give the SM Shoemart king clear majority control of China Bank and force a long-rumored merger with the Sy bank, Banco de Oro.

Despite their smaller 10.276-percent shareholdings, the Yuchengcos and their in-laws, the Dees, whose family founded the bank, retain management control of China Bank, including those of the chair and president/CEO positions. The Dees control an additional 9.55 percent of the bank.

The Sys, whose four sons are all on the board, in turn chair the bank's executive committee through son Hans.

RCBC spokesperson Cynthia Santos said the Yuchengcos had initiated the filing of the complaint for interpleader through the ACCRA law office. The case is now pending with the judge-less Makati Regional Trial Court Branch 139.

With the filing of the interpleader complaint, the party(ies) holding the contested China Bank bloc or owing the claimed obligation must deposit the contested shares or post a bond with the court.

The interpleader suit also compels the buyers of the contested bloc to litigate the matter with the Yuchengcos.

Officially, the Yuchengcos do not know the ultimate beneficiaries of the two fund companies that acquired the contested bloc.

The Sys, on the other hand, have chosen not to comment at all about China Bank affairs.

The China Bank board, which has yet to make a disclosure about the pending litigation, is scheduled to meet on Nov. 5, and every first Wednesday of the month.

German cut

IF you are wondering why the German funders of the new Naia Terminal 3 are suddenly fighting City Hall, it is just that Fraport is trying to save whatever investments it can from the skewed Terminal 3 deal before the Supreme Court decision nullifying the contract becomes final and executory.

The Germans had initially thought that Malacañang, as did some quarters in Malacañang, that Fraport could be awarded the lease to operate the new terminal in the event their original contract is nullified.

Apparently that will not be the case. Malacañang could not simply hand out any lease agreement to Fraport or any favored party without violating the law. The operational lease must have to go through a bidding.

Realizing that it may lose the bidding war, especially if Fraport factors in its mul-

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the government was counting on continued acceleration of the services sector and the recovery of the farm and industry sectors to deliver the needed output in the second half of the year.

In the fourth quarter, the Neda projected a growth of as much as 4.6 percent.

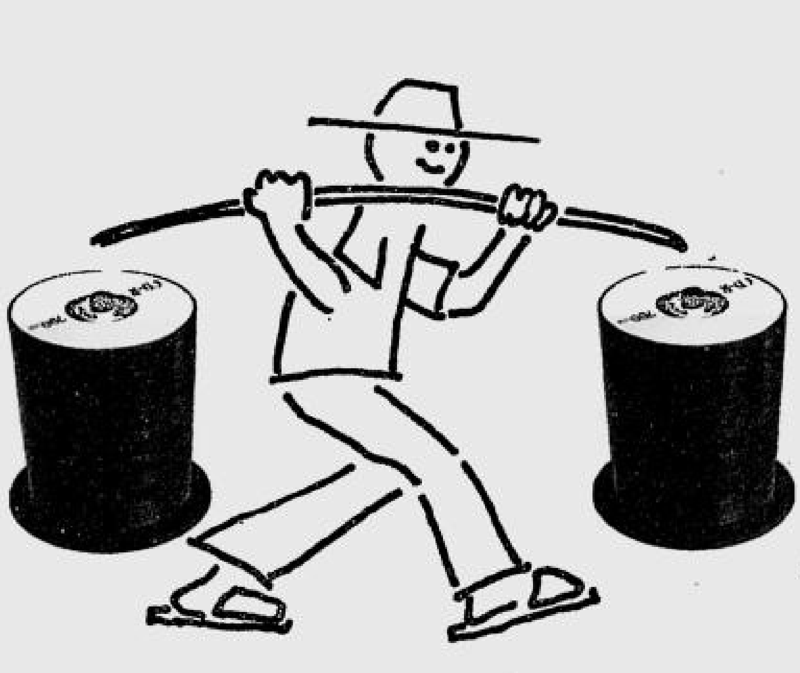
Neri said the agriculture sector must expand by at least 4.2 percent in the third quarter and by 3.2 percent in the fourth quarter to bring in a 3-percent growth for the full year.

The poor performance of the farm sector was reflected in the dismal 1.6-percent growth in the second quarter against a target of 2.7 percent.

The Neda placed the growth in industry at 3.3 percent in the third quarter and 4.7 percent in the fourth quarter. The services sector is likely to continue growing steadily at 5.1 percent in the third quarter and 5.3 percent in the last three months.

Neri said he was confident that an improving global economy should benefit Philippine exports and the manufacturing sector in the second half and push the growth momentum toward the end of the year.

He said the first-half performance was lackluster given the slowdown in the economies of major trading partners during the period.



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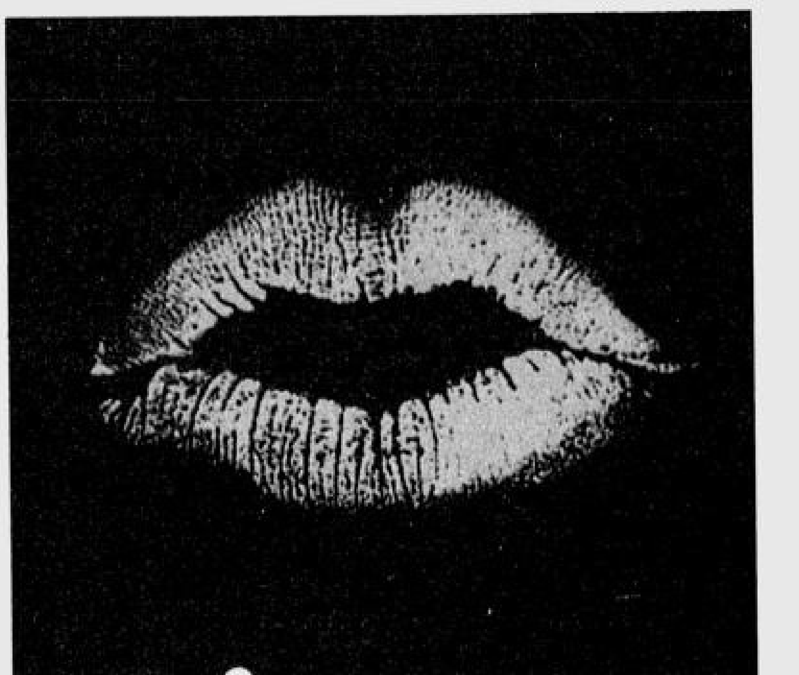

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In 1946, when the United States Congress passed the Rescission Act declaring that the war services of the Filipino veterans “SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE U.S. FORCES”, these veterans rightfully felt betrayed, as with the non-recognition of their crucial contribution to the war effort, they were stripped of their dignity and honor. Please keep in mind that their contribution helped turn the tide of the battle in the Pacific war arena.

Because of this injustice, the victors have become victims, ironically, not of their enemies, but of their former American comrades in arms! For 57 years, the Filipino veterans, now old and weary, have suffered in silence. Ignored, neglected and forgotten, some 40 to 50 of these veterans die every month. Soon, Mr. President, our country will run out of authentic war heroes.

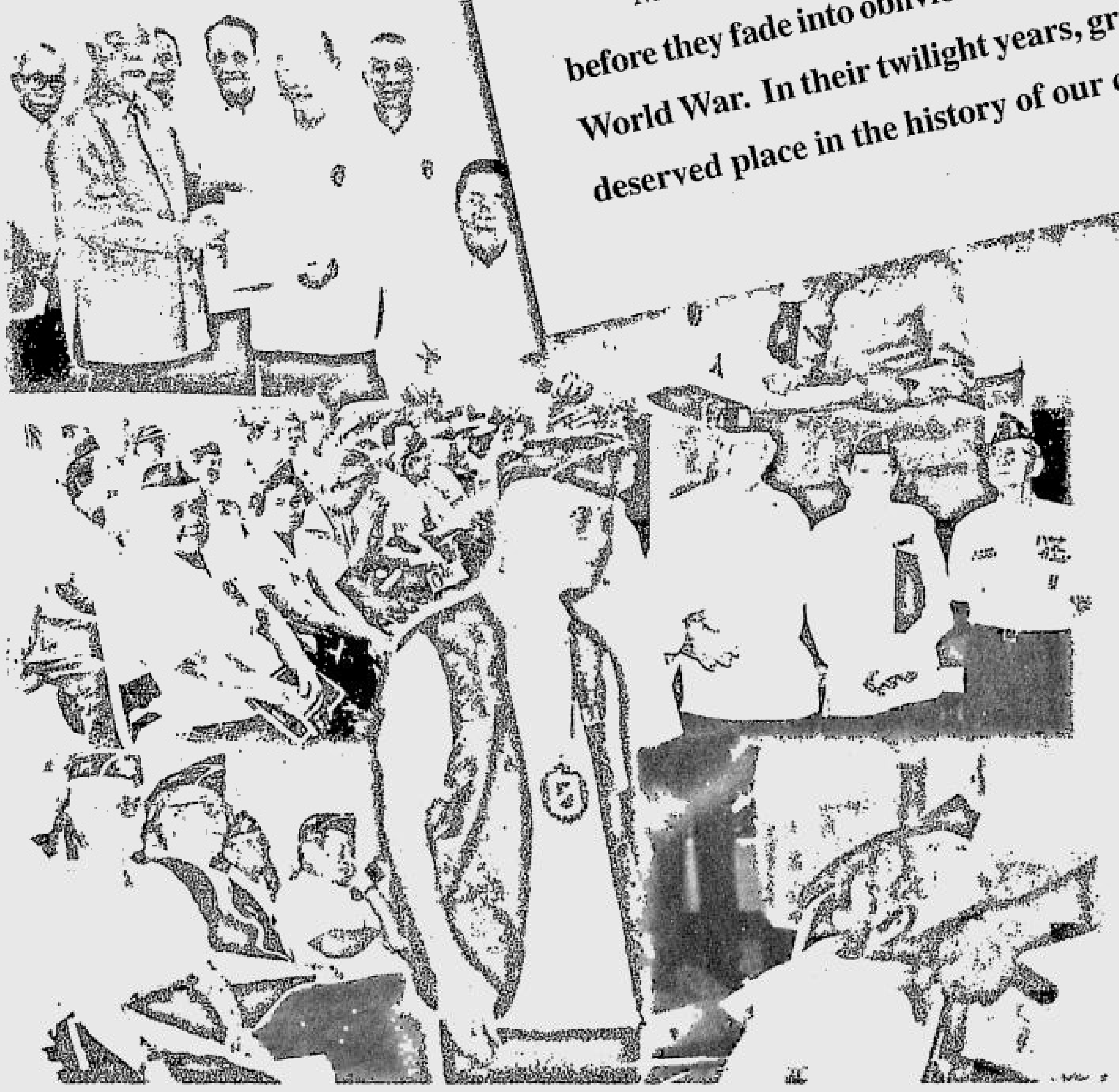
President Bush, please ease their pain.

This is why we now call on you and the United States government, to restore the honor and dignity of our Filipino veterans living in the Philippines by rectifying the historical miscarriage of justice brought about by the Rescission Act.

At the same time, we also wish to state that we reject U.S. H.B. 2357 which extends benefits only to Filipino WW II veterans residing in the United States.

We strongly believe that America's treatment of our veterans constitutes a crime against the entire Filipino people.

Mr. President, please stop turning a deaf ear to the plea of Filipino WW II veterans before they fade into oblivion and be regarded as insignificant participants in the Second World War. In their twilight years, grant them recognition and their rightful and well-deserved place in the history of our countries.



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Yuchengco asks court to stop sale of Chinabank stake to Sy

By Elena R. Torrijos

A TOUGH legal battle for partial control of highly profitable China Banking Corp., a publicly-listed bank owned largely by retail magnate Henry Sy, looms large as the Yuchengco group, also a significant bank shareholder, has initiated proceedings to block Taipei-based International Commercial Bank of China's sale of an 8-percent stake in Chinabank to two foreign funds suspected to be conduits of the Sy group.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange, Rizal Commercial Banking Corp., a mid-sized universal bank controlled by the Yuchengco family, said it has engaged the services of well-known law firm Accra Law to compel ICBC to uphold an earlier commitment to sell its 2.46 million Chinabank shares equivalent to roughly 8 percent to RCBC and other Yuchengco-owned and controlled companies.

Despite its reported agreement with RCBC, ICBC, through a cross sale transaction at the PSE late last month, sold its 2.46 million Chinabank shares to foreign funds Symmetrix Capital Global Ltd. and Columbus Atlantic Fund Ltd. for P1.62 billion or P660 each.

Lucky Securities, affiliated with the Sy group, was the broker for the transaction, which came in the wake of reports that the retail magnate was in a race to buy additional Chinabank shares.

In a statement of beneficial ownership filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PSE last Oct. 9, however, Sy said he had acquired only 16,000 Chinabank shares during the month of September. No other statement or report was filed that would account for the large volume of shares subject to the cross-sale transaction.

There has been speculation in the industry that Sy would eventually want to merge Chinabank with publicly listed Banco de Oro, where he has larger control.

In its disclosure, RCBC said it has moved to stop ICBC "from committing further acts that would derogate their perfected contract with our bank and the other Yuchengco companies involved, without prejudice to filing claims for damages against ICBC and others who are liable."

Acting on behalf of its Yuchengco clients, Accra Law told RCBC's stock and transfer department, which acts as transfer agent of Chinabank, to cease and desist from effecting ownership transfer of the disputed bank shares to the two foreign funds.

This prompted the stock transfer agent to file early this week a complaint for interpleader with the regional trial court of Makati to order the contending parties to present and litigate their respective claims and counterclaims in court.

According to RCBC, ICBC maintained that the negotiation for the sale of the Chinabank shares to the Yuchengco group failed because of significant and fundamental unresolved issues.

In response, Accra Law asserted that under Philippine laws, a contract is perfected with the meeting of the minds on ICBC's sale and the Yuchengco group's purchase of ICBC's Chinabank shares at the price and terms agreed upon.

Cocktales

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timillion-dollar Erap-era cost overruns, the Germans kissed and made up with their local allies, the Chengs, to form a united front and use the combined leverage, including outcast GMA publicist Dante Ang, against the Philippine government.

To think that only a few moons ago, the Germans were pleading with Malacañang to stick the knife on the Chengs!

What the renewed German-Sino alliance fears is that the Supreme Court will throw out their appeal and reaffirm an earlier 10-4 decision nullifying the Terminal 3 contract, clearing a judicial roadblock that would finally pave the way for the Philippine government to temporarily operate the long-delayed airport.

The high court action would of course leave the German venture hopelessly stuck in the kangkungan. Just like the previous administration that helped craft their crooked contract.

Heard through the grapevine

BENITO "Bomboy" Araneta is remodeling the entire third floor of the Enzo building on Buendia, allegedly to be used as an alternate office of his cousin Jose Miguel Arroyo.

Tycoon Enrique Zobel, who sold the building's third floor to Araneta years ago when they were still on good terms, is allegedly unhappy about the plan, since it would mean that the LTA demonstrators would now target his building.

The Enzo building, incidentally, also houses the Jaguar showroom. *(Cocktales may be reached by e-mail at cocktales_pdi@yahoo.com or at cocktales_pdi@hotmail.com.)*

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Investments in Bonds & Other Debt Instruments (Net)		28,884,862,625
Loans, Discounts & Advances (Net)		14,352,422,901
Equity Investments (Net)		1,183,613,624
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (Net)		2,521,621,606
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TOTAL ASSETS	P	73,330,924,099
LIABILITIES		
Demand Deposits	P	9,088,312,062
Savings Deposits		17,640,421,196
Time Deposits		17,181,102,468
Special/Other Deposits		1,756,061
Due to Bangko Sentral		16,804,414
Outstanding Checks/Payment Orders		1,278,767,527
Bills Payable:		8,259,635,615
BSP – Rediscounts/Special Programs		19,045,668
Interbank Borrowings		6,896,116,951
Others		1,344,472,996
Unearned Income & Other Deferred Credits		817,097,178
Other Liabilities		3,770,072,812
TOTAL LIABILITIES	P	58,053,969,333
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
Capital Stock	P	7,087,057,923
Surplus		8,132,207,786
Surplus Reserves		57,689,057
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	P	15,276,954,766
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	P	73,330,924,099
CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS		
Unused Commercial Letters of Credit	P	103,527,140
Bills for Collection		44,429,157
Spot/Future Exchange Sold		12,262,402,773
Spot/Future Exchange Bought		4,237,420,774
Assets Held under Trust & Investment Management Agreements		5,718,362,191
Invested in:		
Government Securities		2,325,909,898
Other Securities, Debt Instruments And Shares of Stock		124,752,689
Loans & Discounts		6,933,504
Other Assets		3,260,766,100
Accountabilities:		
Trust & Other Fiduciary		4,054,823,044
Common Trust Funds		1,042,312,369
Investment/Fund Management		621,226,778
Other Contingent Accounts		58,509,172
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS	P	22,424,651,207

Other Information

1. Deposits of:		
a) Government	P	1,067,461,061
b) Banks		86,842,582
c) Trust Department		2,277,166,288
2. Compliance with Magna Carta Law:		
a) Prescribed Ratio of Compliance for 6% (Small Enterprises)		6.17%
b) Prescribed Ratio of Compliance for 2% (Medium Enterprises)		13.14%
3. Amount of Non-Performing Loans		3,796,834,622
4. Ratio of Non-Performing Loans to Total Loan Portfolio		12.80%
5. Amount of Classified Loans and Other Risk Assets		7,302,015,619
6. General Provision for Loan Losses		180,423,916
7. Specific Provision for Loan Losses		1,972,928,164
8. Return on Equity (ROE)		25.11%
9. Amount of DOSRI Loans/Advances		820,213,610
10. Ratio of DOSRI Loans/Advances to Total Loan Portfolio		2.76%
11. Amount of Past Due DOSRI Loans/Advances		-
12. Ratio of Past Due DOSRI Loans/Advances to Total Loan Portfolio		-

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Executive Vice President

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CONDITION
(Bank and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates)
As of September 19, 2003

ASSETS		
Cash & Cash Items	P	807,799,317
Due from Bangko Sentral		877,498,560
Due from Other Banks		1,031,645,466
Interbank Loans Receivable		13,159,335,785
Trading Account Securities (Net)		794,780,454
Investments in Bonds & Other Debt Instruments (Net)		28,884,862,625
Loans, Discounts & Advances (Net)		14,013,315,485
Equity Investments (Net)		923,748,254
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (Net)		2,527,016,858
Other Assets (Net)		10,264,836,263
Property Owned/Acquired		6,060,352,908
Others		4,204,483,355
TOTAL ASSETS	P	73,284,839,067
LIABILITIES		
Demand Deposits	P	9,027,816,143
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Unearned Income & Other Deferred Credits		885,669,245
Other Liabilities		3,817,157,428
TOTAL LIABILITIES	P	58,109,088,646
Minority Interest in Allied Undertakings/Subsidiaries/Affiliates		1,387,402
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
Capital Stock	P	7,087,057,923
Surplus		8,029,616,039
Surplus Reserves		57,689,057
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	P	15,174,363,019
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2. List of Bank's Financial Subsidiaries:
   - a) UnionBank Currency Brokers Corporation
   - b) UBP Capital Corporation
   - c) UBP Securities, Inc.
   - d) Interventure Capital Corporation.

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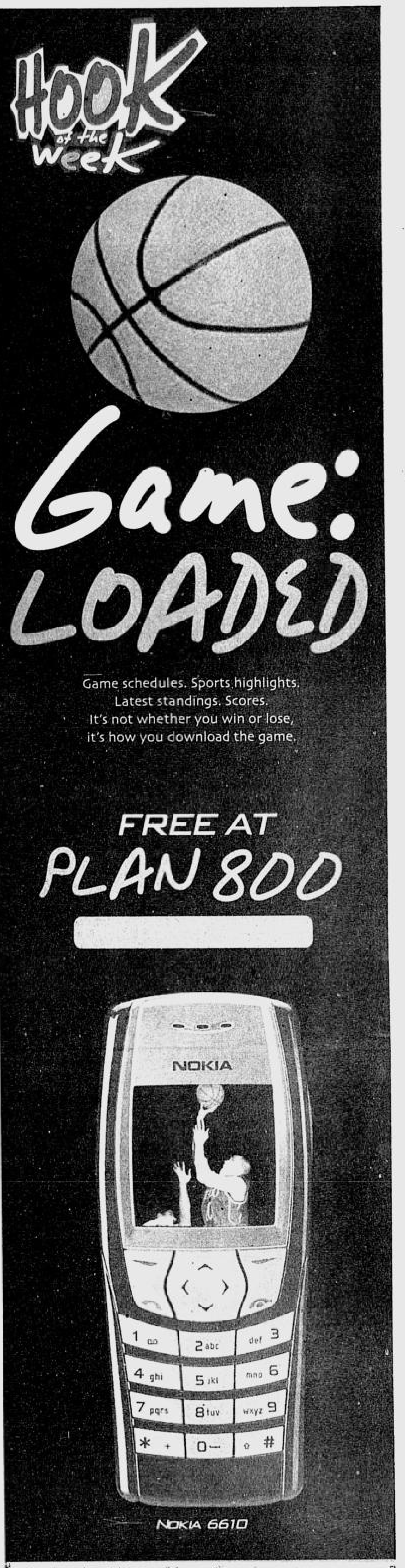

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Creditors ask court to appoint receiver for Bacnotan Steel

By Doris C. Dumlao

BACNOTAN Consolidated Industries Inc. and other creditors have filed a petition for the rehabilitation of cash-strapped Bacnotan Steel Industries Inc.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, Bacnotan corporate secretary Juan Diaz said BCII had joined other creditors of Bacnotan Steel in asking the Makati Regional Trial Court to suspend all claims against the company and to appoint a rehabilitation receiver.

Bacnotan Steel, the country's largest manufacturer of steel billets and reinforcing bars, has about P2 billion in unpaid debts.

Bacnotan is a joint venture between Filipino firms led by the Phinma group and Japan's Kawasaki Steel, Mitsui Corp., Japan International Development Organization and Kawasho Corporation.

Other Filipino partners are the Bank of the Philippine Islands and the Philippine National Bank.

The company's plant in Calamba, Laguna has the capacity to produce 144,000 metric tons of galvanizing lines and 33,000 metric tons of color coating lines.

DoE asked to hasten refund by Meralco

By Ronnel W. Domingo

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered the Department of Energy to find means to immediately refund the large electricity consumers of the Manila Electric Co.

Energy Secretary Vincent Perez Jr. said in an interview yesterday that the President has asked him to get Meralco and its large electricity consumers together to discuss how the latter could avail themselves of the P18.6-billion rebate.

"It seems the bulk electricity consumers are becoming a bit impatient and they want to know how they can get their money back," Perez said.

Perez said the pending refund to the industrial and commercial customers was "considerable".

"While Meralco should be made to answer for this, the means should be reasonable both for customers and the utility," he said.

Meralco president Jesus Francisco earlier said the company was looking into the possibility of issuing financial instruments to bankroll the refund, representing the fourth and final phase of the P30-billion refund ordered by the Supreme Court.

Francisco, however, said that no decision has been made and that any step would require the prior approval of the regulators.

The Energy Regulatory Commission had given the distribution giant until Nov.17 to submit its proposal on how to conduct the third and fourth phase of the refund.

Meralco has so far disbursed at least P1.7 billion to residential customers and is currently implementing the second phase of the rebate program involving P4.6 billion.

BRITAIN'S Queen Elizabeth II shakes hands with the Ambassador of the Philippines, Edgardo B. Espiritu, during a private audience at Buckingham Palace in London. AFP

Henry Sy's Banco de Oro mulls over acquiring a bank

By Elena R. Torrijos

PUBLICLY listed Banco de Oro Universal Bank, the country's ninth largest lender, is looking to boost its consumer banking business by either acquiring consumer loan portfolios, bank branches or another bank.

A senior bank official said in an interview that a major objective under the bank's medium-term strategy was to increase the contribution of consumer loans to its total loan portfolio.

Banco de Oro's consumer loans such as housing, auto and personal loans currently account for less than 5 percent of its total loan portfolio.

"If there is an opportunity to acquire, we will take a look at it," the official said.

The bank, controlled by retail magnate Henry Sy, likewise planned to enter the tight credit card market by launching a MasterCard credit card by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, the bank official said that Banco de Oro would use the proceeds of its $150-million debt offer to fund project financing.

Banco de Oro president Nestor Tan earlier said the bank was on track to meeting its profit target this year of P1.35 billion.

"We're on track to meet or slightly surpsass our target for this year," Tan said, adding that the bank's profit for the first nine months was higher than last year's.

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Debt yields flat

GOVERNMENT debt yields drifted sideways on Thursday as players treaded water ahead of September budget deficit data due next week that officials are indicating will show a breach of the government's target.

Higher-than-expected average rates fetched at a T-bill auction on Monday also kept traders on the sideline, after prompting cash-rich banks to slow their buying in the secondary market.

"The market is in a lull and although banks remain very liquid they are a bit worried about taking positions because of a possible further uptick in T-bill rates at future auctions," a bank trader said.

Concerns about the government's cash position had also emerged with Treasury mulling the reinstatement of December auctions, which it had previously canceled.

"They had said they would cancel auctions in December because they had a comfortable cash level. Now they are talking of bringing back the auctions, which means they want to be sure they have enough cash to finance the deficit," the trader said.

Reuters

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Oct. 16, 2003)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	17.5	17.75	17.5	17.75	49,000
Bank of the Phil. Islands	45	46	45	46	383,700
China Banking Corp.	665	665	665	665	1,980
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	33.5	34.5	33.5	34.5	81,600
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.79	0.79	0.77	0.77	1,830,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	28.5	28.5	28	28.5	312,400
Philippine National Bank	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	16,000
Phil. Savings Bank	27	27	27	27	5,000
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13 800
Union Bank of the Phil.	32	32 5	31.5	32.5	35,000
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	180,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1315	1320	1315	1320	7,500
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	27.5	29	27.5	29	47,900
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.71	0.72	0.71	0.71	4,120,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	745	760	740	745	195,660
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.046	3,000,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.046	0.046	0.045	0.046	13,100,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	0.84	0.87	0.83	0.87	16,100 000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co.	0.225	0.225	0.22	0.22	30,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	695	705	695	705	312,900
Philweb Corp.	0.012	0.013	0.012	0.013	4,000,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	14.5	14.75	14.5	14.75	212,900
Manila Electric Co. B	21.75	22 25	21.75	22.25	446,600
Petron Corp.	2	2 04	2	2.04	2,628,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	25,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.8	3.05	2.8	3	4,755,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	30,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.66	1.66	1.66	1.66	100,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.85	0 85	0 85	0.85	40,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15	50,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.5	284,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	17.25	17.25	17	17.25	301,800
RFM Corp.	0.71	0.71	0.7	0.71	170,000
Swift Food Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	70,000
San Miguel Corp. A	56	56.5	56	56.5	58,800
San Miguel Corp. B	62.5	63	62.5	62.5	834,200
Universal Robina Corp.	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.8	13,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	110,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	60,000
Ayala Corp.	4.85	5	4.85	4.85	16,236,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.35	669,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.031	0.032	0.03	0.03	9,700,000
A. Soriano Corp.	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	10,000
APC Group Inc.	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	200,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	10,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	20,000
Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	100,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.63	0.63	0.62	0.62	5,830,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	400,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	100,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.27	0.28	0.27	0.28	120,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	200,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	18.25	18.75	18.25	18.75	372,400
Ionics Inc.	1.66	1.66	1.64	1.64	387,000
Macroasia Corp.	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	100,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.08	1.08	1.06	1.08	8,398,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.31	0.31	0.29	0.31	11,040,000
Music Corp.	0.41	0.41	0.4	0.4	490,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.28	0.29	0 28	0.29	750,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	80,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	300,000
Wellex Industries Inc.	0.25	0.33	0 25	0.3	180,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0 99	0 99	0 99	0 99	20,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0 0775	0 0775	0.0775	0.0775	400,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.6	0.6	0.59	0.6	1,740,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	70,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	210,000
Philippine Racing Club	3.7	3 7	3.7	3.7	10,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	28	29	28	29	403,600
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,400
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,500
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	200
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Y	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	3,500
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,800
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.5	10 5	10.5	10.5	1,800
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.7	5,082,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.19	0.2	400,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	5,460,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	3,160,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.16	1.18	1.16	1.18	5,025,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.21	0.215	0.19	0.215	1,470,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.18	0.185	0.18	0.185	80,000
SM Development Corp.	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08	1,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6.7	6 8	6.7	6.8	3,897,000
MINING					
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.225	0.245	0.225	0.24	14,570,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.29	0.32	0.28	0.31	23,580,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.008	0.0085	0.008	0.0085	55,000,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.008	0.0085	0.008	0.0085	26,000,000
Omico Corp.	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	10,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	500,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.34	0.34	0.33	0.33	110,000
OIL					
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	19,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	32,000,000
Pacifica	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	8,000,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.26	0.26	0.23	0.23	460,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.18	0.2	0.18	0.2	160,000

	SHARES	VALUE(P)
Bank & Fin Svc	2,915,990	44,821,950.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	119,641,960	606,049,460.00
PRO	24,575,000	68,582,460.00
Mining	129,760,000	11,319,050.00
OIL	59,620,000	378,900.00
GRAND TOTALS :	336,512,940	731,151,820.00
	AVERAGES	
Bank & Fin Svc	454 44	UP 8.77
Comm'l & Ind'l.	1,989.40	UP 8.65
PRO	614.92	UP 7.54
Mining	1,664.82	UP 116.40
OIL	1.35	DOWN 0.04
SME	100.00	UNCH 0.00
All Shares Index	817.20	UP 4.74
Composite	1,368.30	UP 12.15

NO. OF ADVANCES: 38; NO. OF DECLINES: 16; NO. OF UNCHANGED: 42; NO. OF TRADED ISSUES: 96; NO. OF TRADES: 2,217

DISCLOSURES

BOULEVARD Holdings Inc. postponed its scheduled stockholders' meeting to prepare for additional matters that may have to be presented to shareholders.

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BANK of the Philippine Islands changed the schedule of its annual stockholders' meeting as stated in its by-laws from the second Tuesday of April to any day in March as determined by the board of directors.

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PCI Leasing and Finance Inc, bought 130,000 of its own shares at P1.30 per share.

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ASIATRUST Development Bank Inc. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting from Nov. 21, 2 p.m. at the Skytop, 14/F of Hotel Intercontinental Hotel, Makati City. Stockholders of record as of October 27 will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

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MUSIC Corp. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on Dec. 17, 2 p.m. at the Dasmariñas Room of Hotel Intercontinental Manila, Makati City. Stockholders of record as of Oct. 29 will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting. Also, the company plans to change its name to Music Semiconductors Corp. and its primary purpose from manufacturing to holding. It will raise P60 to P90 million in additional capital for product engineering and development. Juan Custodio was appointed chief compliance officer.

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BACNOTAN Consolidated Industries Inc. and other creditors filed a joint petition for the corporate rehabilitation of Bacnotan Steel Industries Inc.

Compiled by Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research

INTEREST RATES

October 16, 2003
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Benchmark Interest Rates	MART1 16-Oct-03	MART1 15-Oct-03
1 Month	6.24	6.2583
3 Months	6.2518	6.2643
6 Months	7.275	7.2732
1 Year	7.88	7.9196
2 Years	8.4633	8.4567
3 Years	9.1375	9.1268
4 Years	9.8383	9.8133
5 Years	10.2783	10.2625
7 Years	10.9817	10.9911
10 Years	11.165	11.1839
20 Years	11.94	11.9804
25 Years	12.1617	12.2054

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US firms urged to set up e-services units in RP

By Michelle V. Remo

THE AMERICAN Chamber of Commerce and Industry has urged American firms engaged in information technology to set up offices in the Philippines, saying the country was a "hot area" for investment.

The foreign chamber said it projected the Philippines to be a strong contender in becoming the e-services hub of Asia that will serve clients from North America, Japan, Europe and countries from Southeast Asia.

Amcham official Robert Blume said foreign companies should take advantage of the "great potential" of the Philippines to sustain and grow businesses, especially in the area of business process outsourcing (BPO) and customer relations management.

Blume, who is also an investment and promotion manager at the American desk of the Board of Investments, said the Philippine IT-enabled service sector was an industry on the rise.

Blume noted studies that showed that the Philippines was the closest competitor of India in the IT-outsourcing market. He added that the Philippines even enjoyed an advantage over India in the area of English proficiency among Filipino IT workers.

"The key competitive edge enjoyed by the Philippines are its easily trainable English-speaking workforce and its sound telecom infrastructure," Blume said in a statement.

Blume said that although the amount of investments in IT-enabled services was not as huge as those poured in the manufacturing sector, the former was capable of creating a larger number of well-paying jobs.

Blume also noted the work hours in the IT-enabled service sector that were suited for North American market. He said work in the industry, which started at nighttime, was favorable for American clients.

Some of the US companies that have set up shop in the Philippines included American International Group, ICT Group, Sykes, Incoho, Info NXX, People Support and Echo Star Com.

Globe joins buyout . . .

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equivalent of P17 billion as well as unappropriated retained earnings of P13.7 billion.

The 12 million shares that Globe has bought back is equivalent to 7.9 percent of its total outstanding common shares and represents a discount of 9 percent from yesterday's closing price of P745.

A special committee evaluated and approved Globe's participation in the transaction. This was composed of three directors who were not executives of Ayala, SingTel or Deutsche Telekom. Citigroup Global Markets was the financial adviser to the special committee. *Abigail L. Ho*

Sterling Group opens call center in Ortigas

THE STERLING Group of Companies has opened the Sterling Global Call Center in Pasig City, adding up to the growing number of call centers in the country and opening up new employment opportunities for Filipinos.

The call center is a partnership between the 60-year-old Sterling Paper Group of Companies and American businessman Jeff Russel. It is housed in a 900-square meter office at the Raffles Corporate Center on Emerald Avenue in the Ortigas business district. Sterling Global has a seating capacity that can accommodate three shifts of 250 personnel daily. Its operation is tailored-fit to serve and support clients in the United States, Europe and other Asian countries.

"We have state-of-the-art technology and our employees are driven to succeed. Our culture here is driven by positive attitude," said Henry Lim Bon Liong, chair of the Sterling Group.

Sterling Global aims to be the leading call center not only in the Philippines but also worldwide. "We are very positive that we have the advantage with Sterling Global's various reliable partners here and abroad. Hosting our headquarters in the Philippines is also a big edge since we are the 3rd largest English-speaking country next to United States and United Kingdom."

Senate President Franklin Drilon, who was guest of honor during the opening of Sterling Global, commended the company for its contribution to the country's IT development. "There was even a big debate whether the Philippines should focus either on agriculture or IT. I believe that both agriculture and IT can boost the growth of our economy."

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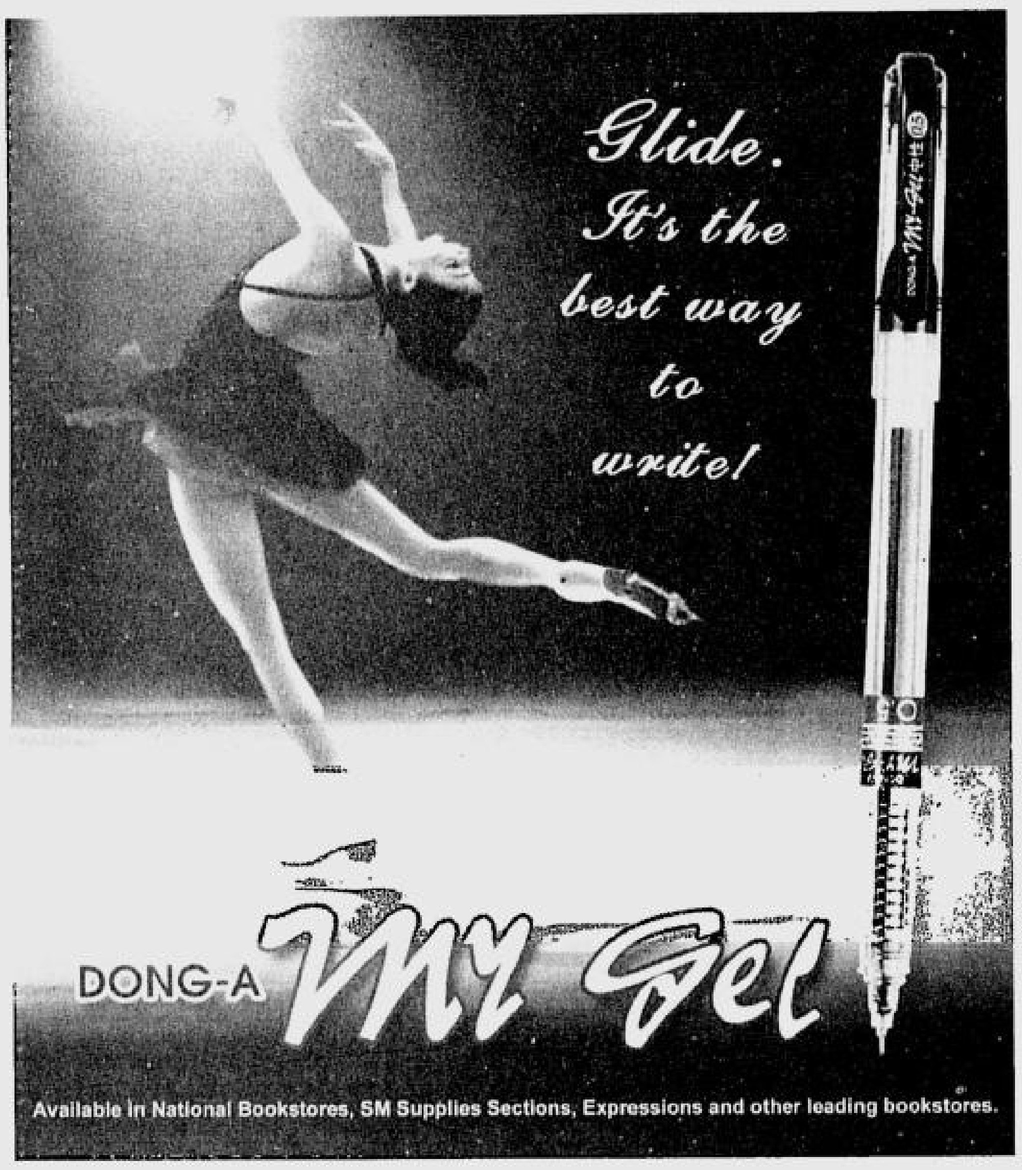
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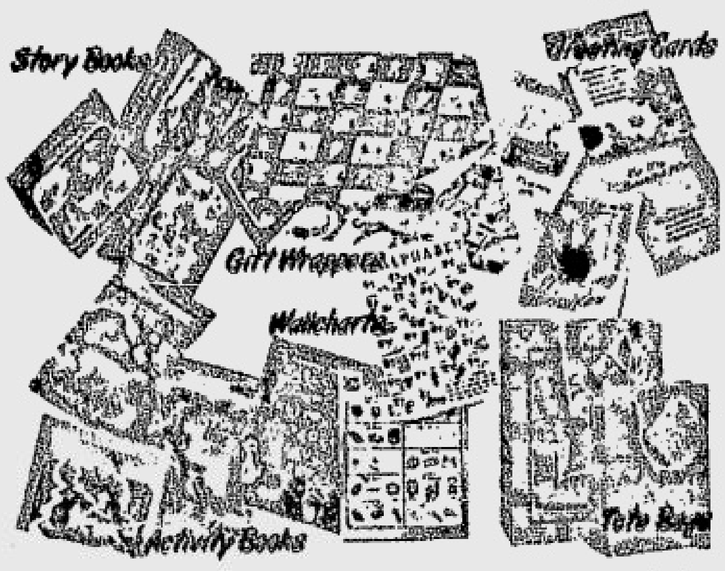


THE STERLING group grew from a one-room operation producing photo albums into a highly-diversified business empire.

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

LIM Seh Leng was on his way to finishing high school in Manila when World War II broke out.

The physical and economic devastation that followed discouraged many Filipinos, but Lim and other entrepreneurs saw opportunity amid the ruins and soon put up small businesses to get the economic engine running again.

Lim was just 20 years old when he and some of his friends put up Central Book Store in 1946, a small bookstore in Chinatown that sold Chinese books, records and newspapers.

The partnership ended after three years but Lim continued operating the bookstore, this time with his brother as partner.

In 1959, his operations expanded to the manufacturing of local photo albums under Sterling Bookbinding, the predecessor of Sterling Acefree, because of Lim's fondness for photography.

He and his wife Maria Co Chiao Ti operated the business out of a one-bedroom, one-living room apartment in Nueva St. Binondo, Manila.

The living room served as the factory where Lim and two workers put out the photo albums.

The photo albums brought in enough money to the Lim family for them to move out of the small apartment and settle into a two-story building in Caloocan, where they further expanded operations to include autograph books.

SUCCESS STORY

The workforce grew from the original two to around 30 by 1960, with the Lim children already helping in the business by spiral binding the photo albums and putting them in boxes.

It was in that same year that Lim ventured into the importation of school and office supplies such as pens, marking pens, folders and punchers. The company name was changed to Sterling Paper Products in 1961 to reflect the growing range of its products.

Through the '60s and '70s, Lim was content with the performance of the Sterling group, even if the distribution of its products was limited at that time to the Divisoria and Avenida areas.

Things changed, however, when Lim met his untimely death in 1976 during a trip to Hong Kong. His sons took over management while Lim's widow became the guiding light of the company. She made sure that her husband's values of loyalty, obedience, patience and generosity, continued to be lived by the growing empire.

It was soon after the patriarch's death when Sterling Paper acquired a ruling machine and started producing Sterling notebooks, which were the first in the market to have covers with different designs.

The second generation of Lims was more aggressive and immediately expanded the market coverage of Sterling products to include supermarkets and department stores outside the strongholds in Divisoria and Avenida.

Sterling Paper was the first company in its industry to go into aggressive tri-media advertising and even came up with its own mascot—Smarty the wise owl, which immediately created brand recall among the parents and their children.

Sterling went into another expansion phase when it bought new machines and started to do its own printing. In 1989, it entered the greeting card and gift wrapper business through a new firm, Straight Lines International Inc.

The Sterling Greeting Cards succeeded in getting some market away from the multinational firms that had a stranglehold on the market at that time. Among its winning products were the musical cards that contained Original Pilipino Music, birthday and Christmas melodies.

In 1984, Sterling's top management decided to establish its own retail outlets to bring its markets directly to the market.

Its first concession retail store was opened in Isetann-Cubao and was soon followed by similar stores in Ever-Recto, Isetann-Carriedo, Tandang Sora, SM City Carpark Plaza and Ever Plaza in Caloocan City.

By 1988, the retail outlets were formally named Expression Cards and Stationery Shop, and through proper planning and innovations, it has grown into a vast network of retail stalls all over the Philippines, selling more than just notebooks and cards.

Drawing inspiration from the growth of its core business, the Sterling group ventured into other lines of business that showed vast growth potentials. These include real estate, dealerships and distribution of foreign products such as Little Tykes and Rubbermaid, department stores and even call center operations.

But the Lims never forgot about the paper and notebook business, which was its ticket to growth. They continued to invest in technology to remain a step ahead of competition.

Sterling, for instance, acquired software from the local subsidiary of SAP Germany to connect all its companies. The software provides greater efficiency because supervisors, line managers and top management look at real time data to make quick decisions.

The implementation of the SAP computer solutions for the retail group was done simultaneously for the Sterling Paper Enterprises, followed by the department stores, supermarket and the Central Bookstore.

The Sterling Paper Group of companies includes: Sterling Paper Enterprises Inc. (notebooks, albums), Central Bookstore (importer and trader of school and office supplies), Straightline International (Sterling greeting cards, wrappers), SP Properties (real estate), SL Agritech (hybrid rice), Expressions Stationery Shop Inc. (retail shop), Mart One Department Store, Mart One Supermarket and ExCel Internet Café.

The Sterling group was able to hold its own and grow into other businesses because of the vision of the patriarch, which was carried through by the second generation now running the various businesses using a mix of Eastern and Western styles of management.

From just two employees in 1946, the Sterling group now has more than 2,000 workers, who are guided by the company's creed set after the death of Sterling's founder.

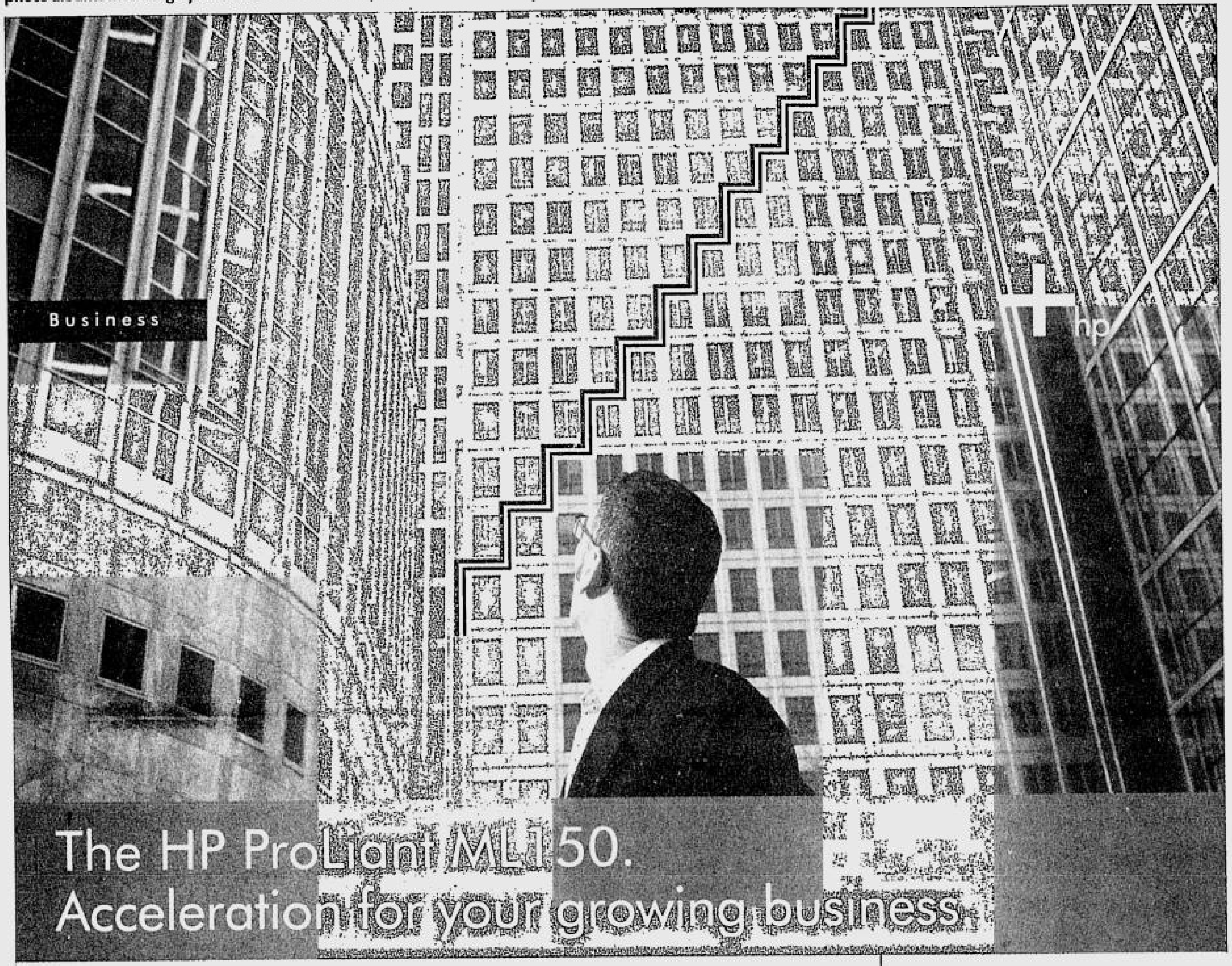
It says: "We shall strive for prosperity through the collective wisdom of our personnel and our company shall be a center wherein all employees can enrich their lives. The four virtues of loyalty, obedience, patience and generosity handed down by our founder Lim Seh Leng, will always be our company's way of life."

GOINGS ON

P&A 's new business unit

PUNONGBAYAN and Araullo (P&A), the Grant Thornton (GT) member firm in the Philippines, is launching its Family Business Consulting Group (FBCG) unit on Oct. 23, 6:00 p.m. at the Shangri-La Makati Hotel. Guest speaker for the cocktail event is GT's international family business consultant, Clayton Hebbard. Hebbard is a leading family business consultant with experience in succession planning, drafting family creeds, remuneration planning and conflict resolution, among others, and is a practicing family business consultant in Thailand and Hong Kong. Hebbard will present a brief overview of GT's Prima (People and Relationship Issues in Management) methodologies to executives and owners of family-managed businesses as well as the latest results of GT's global survey on family businesses.

For more information, contact Rowena Ramos at 886-5511 or visit the P&A web site, http://www.punongbayan-araullo.com.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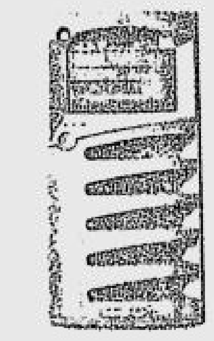

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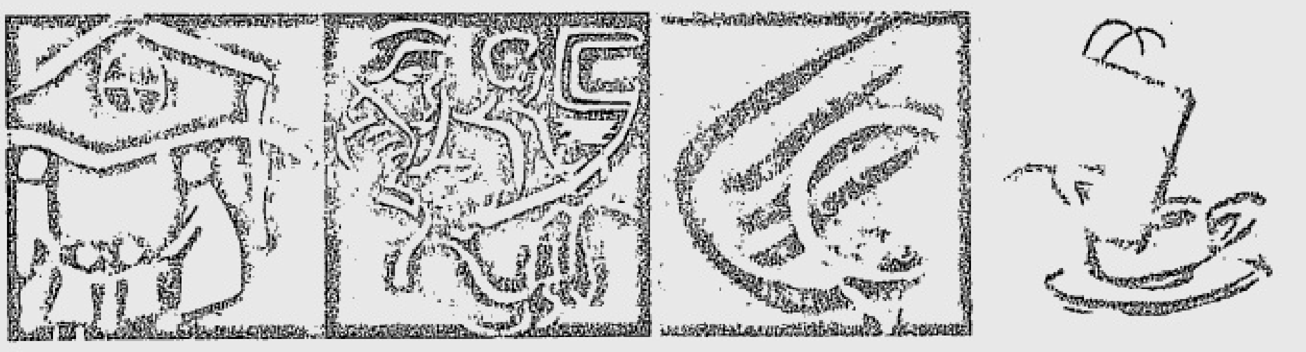

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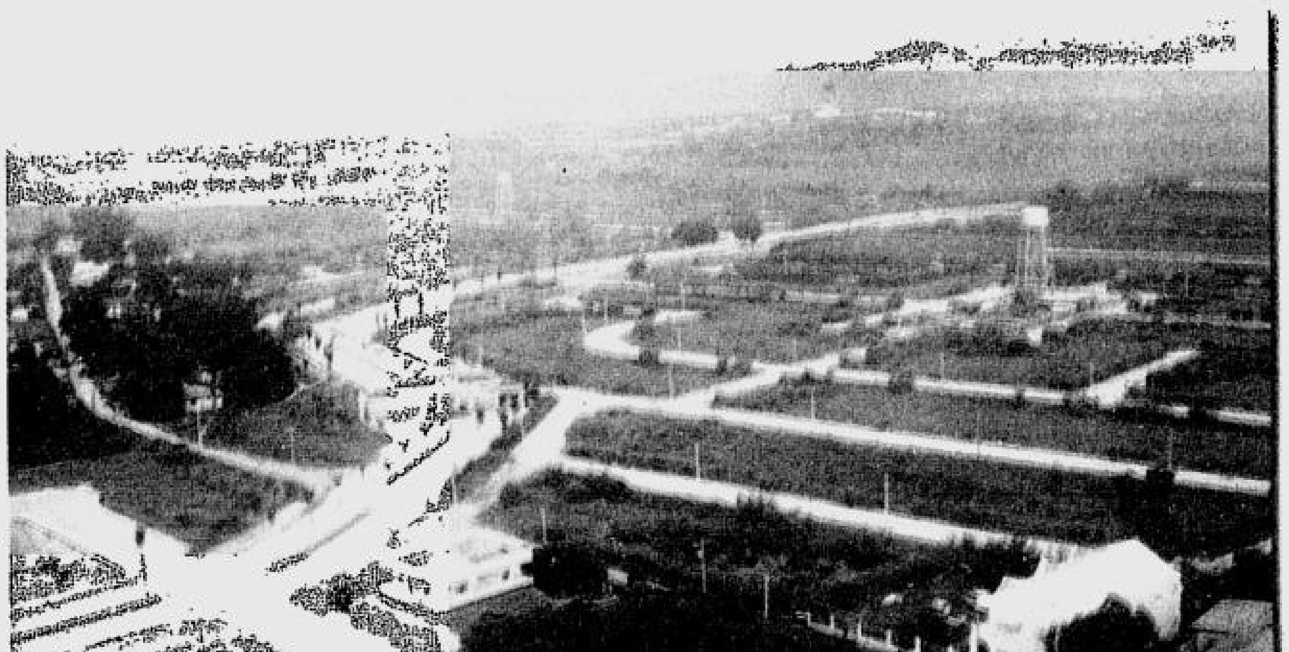

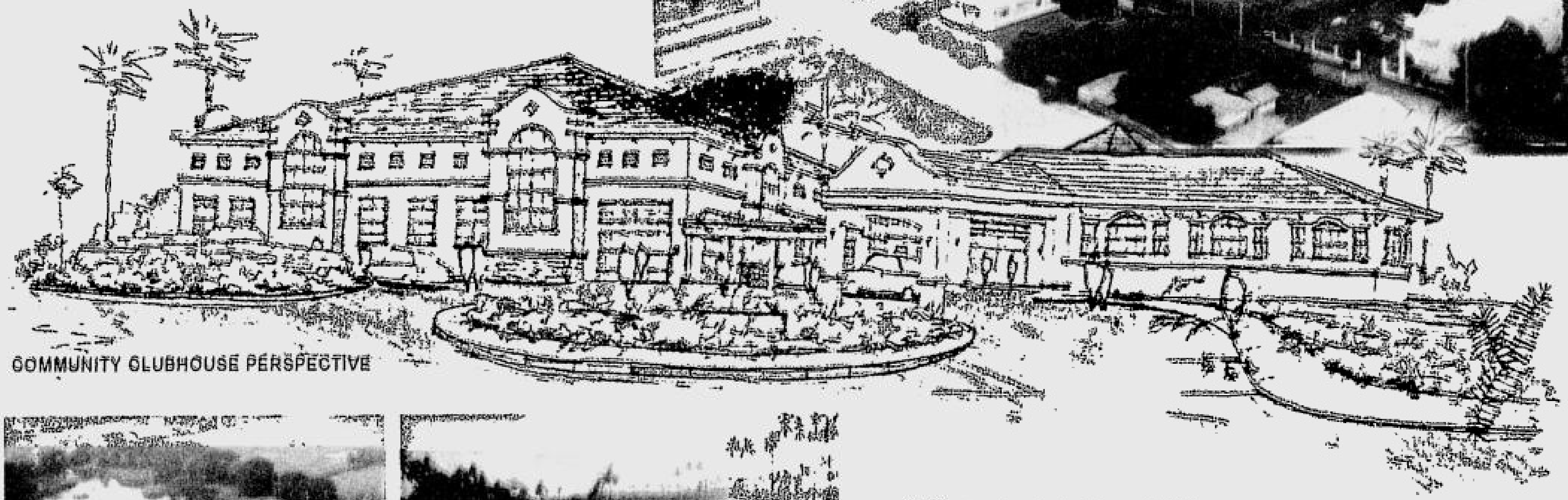

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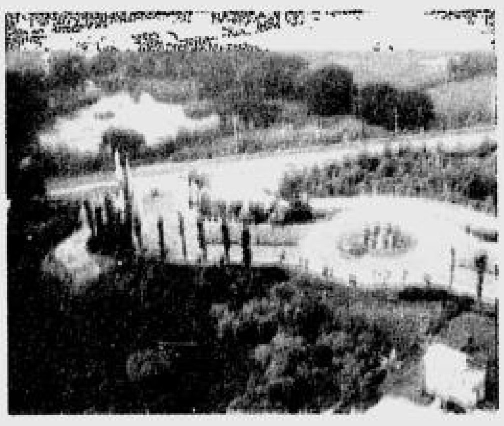

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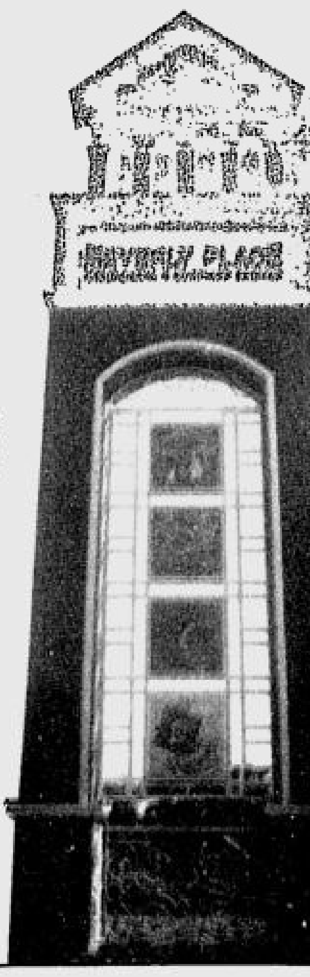
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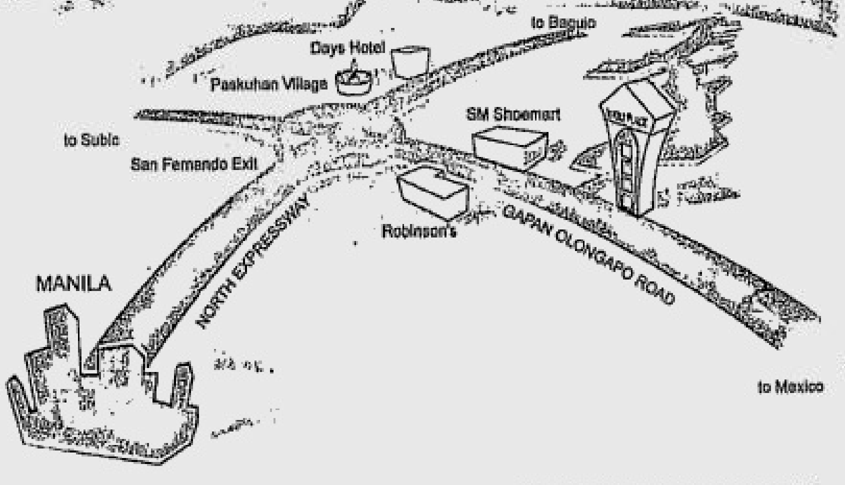
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Apec seeks to boost smaller companies

BANGKOK—Apec officials have proposed boosting the development and competitiveness of micro-enterprises as a means to spur growth among the region's smaller economies, an official said Thursday.

The proposal is part of a broader package of economic initiatives approved by senior officials ahead of the summit of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) leaders and expected to be adopted when they meet here Oct. 20-21.

"We are going to start a project next year in order to promote the formalization of micro-enterprises," said Juan Carlos Capunay, chair of Apec's senior officials Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation (ESC).

The goal, he said, was to "assimilate" the millions of mainly family businesses, such as corner stores and food stalls, into the established global economic system.

"If they are not part of the formal economy, no bank will finance them."

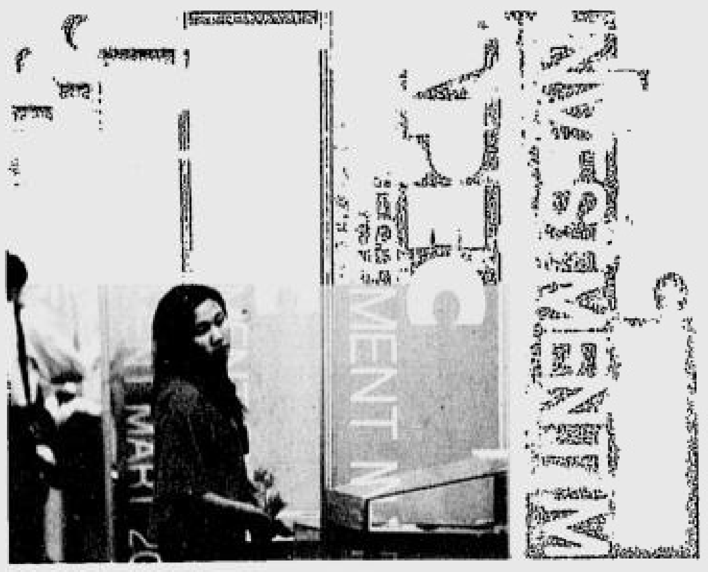
More than 70 percent of people in the Asia-Pacific region are employed by small- and medium-sized enterprises, including micro-enterprises, Capunay said.

Apec aims to increase micro-enterprise access to world markets and technical assistance, promote human development for their owners and employees, and help them take advantage of the global economy and its benefits.

"SMEs and micro-enterprises are the lifeblood of Apec and the ESC will focus more attention on providing effective economic and technical cooperation programs to this important group throughout 2004," Capunay said.

The step is part of an economic and technical cooperation initiative which Apec said it wants international financial institutions (IFIs) such as the World Bank and Asian Development Bank to help fund. *AFP*

East Asia on growth path—WB



A WOMAN visits a pavilion set to promote Thai exportable goods during the opening of the "Apec Investment Mart 2003" in Bangkok, Oct. 16. Apec officials have proposed boosting the development and competitiveness of micro-enterprises as a means to spur growth among the region's smaller economies, an official said. Head leaders from the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation grouping will meet in the Thai capital from Oct. 20-21. AFP

SINGAPORE—East Asia is poised for a strong cyclical recovery in 2004 after a dip this year but the failure of global trade talks and other problems might dampen the rebound, the World Bank said Thursday.

China, Vietnam and Thailand will power the region's forecast average of 5.7 percent gross domestic product (GDP) growth in 2004, up from 5 percent this year, it said in a half-yearly update released in Singapore.

East Asia, excluding Japan, grew 5.8 percent in 2002 and 3.5 percent in 2001, according to the Washington-based lender.

The Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) epidemic sharply curtailed growth in the second quarter this year but the economic impact of the flu-like disease which hit tourism and related industries especially badly has eased.

"With the quick passing of SARS (at least for the time being), clearer signs of recovery in the developed world and healthier domestic conditions in East Asian economies, the prospects for a strong cyclical recovery and more sustained long-term growth are good," the bank's regional vice president Jemal-uddin Kassum said in a statement.

The bank also lauded the region's continued progress against poverty and its intensifying efforts toward regional integration, with China as the focus.

It cited four key reasons for the expected rebound: an improved global economy, strong growth in China, the end of "fire fighting" linked to the 1997-98 financial crisis and improvements in the region's political situation.

Kassum noted too the recovery in the long-depressed technology sector, which is vital to Asian electronics producers.

At the same time, the bank warned against two key dangers, topped by the failure of the World Trade Organization (WTO) talks in Cancun, Mexico, last month.

"The difficulties at Cancun might allow protectionist interests worldwide to go on the offensive, causing long-term damage to the world trade system," it said.

The second danger is slow progress on "institutional and governance reforms" compared to other emerging regions such as Central and Eastern Europe, which now attract more foreign investment than East Asia.

Despite the SARS setback, China's growth will be hardly dented this year at 7.8 percent after 8.0 percent in 2002, although this will moderate to 7.4 percent in 2004—still the pace-setter in East Asia.

In 2004, Vietnam is forecast to post 7-percent growth, similar to this year's expansion, while Thailand will grow 6 percent after 5.8 percent, followed by Malaysia on 5.4 percent after 4.6 percent in 2003.

The Philippines will grow 4.2 percent in 2004, up from 4 percent this year, and Indonesia 4 percent after 3.5 percent. *AFP*

Firmer dollar boosts Asian stock prices

SINGAPORE—The dollar firmed against major currencies on Thursday on positive US economic data, giving a boost to Asian exporters as technology shares recouped early losses after Wall Street's dip and a fall in IBM shares.

Upward revisions to July and August US sales figures mean third-quarter economic growth could be strong, but investors shied away from pushing the dollar too high ahead of a trip to Asia by US President George W. Bush.

Exporters such as Toyota Motor Corp. gained 1.77 percent and Sony Corp. jumped 2.28 percent, helping the Nikkei average to end at 11,025.15, up 1.15 percent.

"It looks like exporters, especially auto stocks, are making a comeback, thanks to the slight fall in the yen," said Yusuke Sakai, manager of equities at Mizuho Securities.

Japan shares up

Japanese tech shares, such as NEC Corp. and Fujitsu Ltd., reversed initial weakness after IBM shares fell about 3 percent in US after-hours trade on cautious comments by its CEO following its quarterly results.

The broader TOPIX index gained almost one percent to end at a 16-month high of 1,090.85, led by a 17-percent rise in Softbank Corp. after local media said Goldman Sachs Group had become a key shareholder in Japan's largest Intenet services firm.

Taiwan stocks rose 1.88 percent at 6,035.74 points, near an 18-month high, with investors targeting electronics and financial shares. South Korean shares rebounded from early losses to rise 1.67 percent.

Australian stocks gained 0.4 percent, but Singapore stocks were steady.

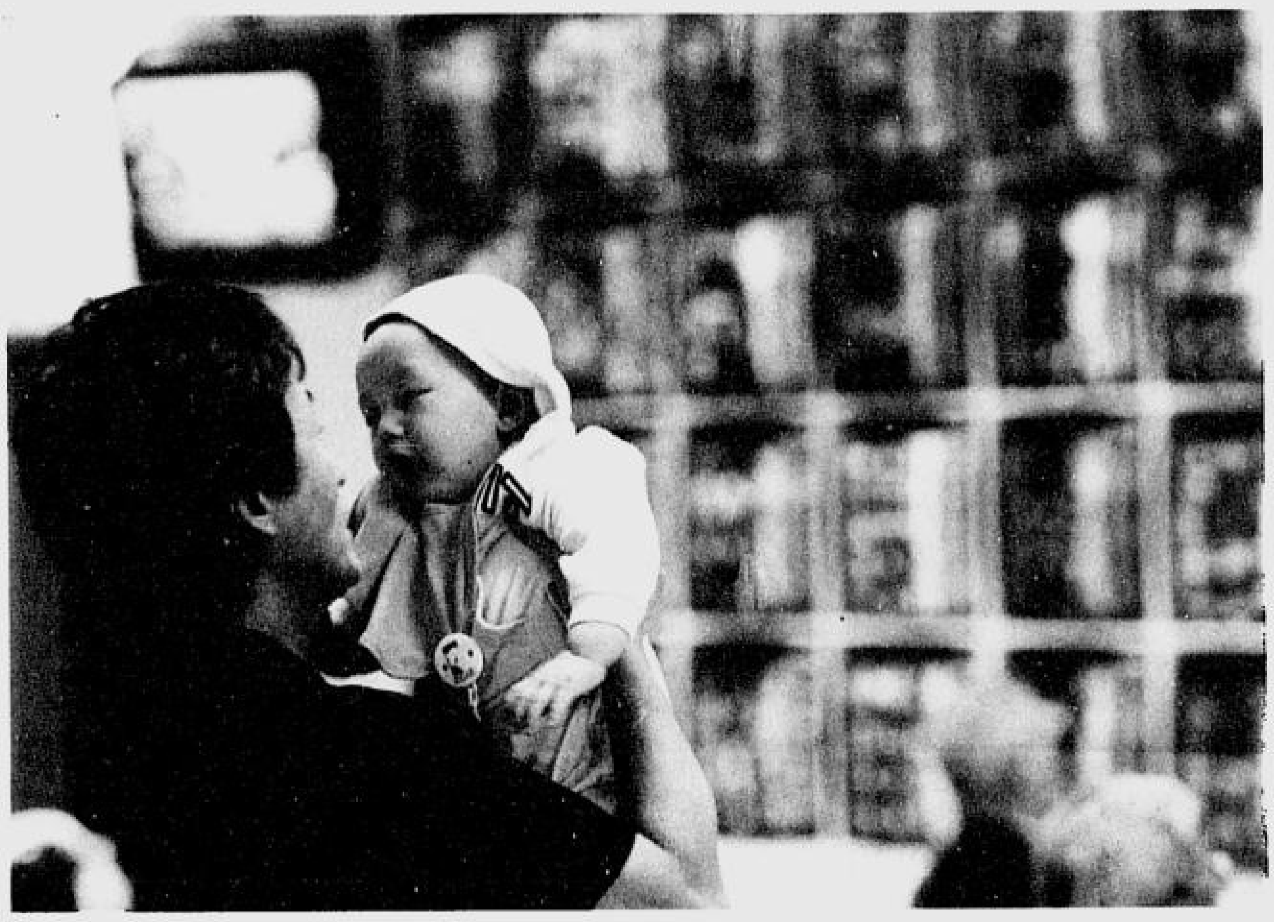
International ratings agency Moody's Investors Service upgraded the ceiling on China's foreign currency bonds, saying it expected the government to maintain a strong external payments position. The rating outlook remains stable.

The news failed to ignite Hong Kong stocks, which dipped 0.11 percent and China's benchmark composite index fell 1.2 percent.

The dollar was trading around 109.72/76 yen, up slightly from 109.52/60 yen in late US trade. The euro was at $1.1637/44 versus $1.1611/17.

The market was keen to hear what Bush has to say on currencies at a US-Japan summit in Tokyo on Friday.

While expressing support for a strong dollar, Bush said earlier this week that markets should determine currency rates—remarks initially taken as a warning against Japanese yen-selling intervention, which had sent the dollar tumbling. *Reuters*



A TAIWAN stock investor plays with his baby in front of screens at a local brokerage house in Taipei Oct. 16. Taiwan stocks closed above the key 6,000-point barrier at a near 18-month high with a 1.88-percent gain, adding to a more than 40-percent rally over the past five-and-a-half month. REUTERS

INTERNET BUST

AOL to disappear from Time Warner

NEW YORK—AOL will disappear from the Time Warner company name, turning another page in the ill-fated Internet boom.

The change reflects a reassertion of old-media dominance after the 2000 merger—the biggest in the United States—engineered by America Online at a time when its value had skyrocketed on the back of the "new economy."

AOL Time Warner will revert to Time Warner Inc.—resuming its former "TWX" ticker symbol on the New York Stock Exchange, instead of "AOL"—from Thursday, symbolically undoing the spectacular takeover.

Today, the firm's much-anticipated synergies remain "virtually untapped," said David Joyce, an analyst with the investment firm Guzman and Company.

"While AOL was young, brash and aggressive, Time Warner was a little bit more mannerly in its approach in its business dealings," Washington Post reporter Alec Klein explained earlier this year in promoting his new book, "Stealing Time: Steve Case, Jerry Levin,' and the Collapse of AOL Time Warner."

"I do believe that even if you subtract the accounting shenanigans, this company was in for some serious troubles since the beginning because of the cultural differences," Klein added. "They hated each other; it was pretty visceral."

AOL used its share price at the height of the Internet boom to acquire Time Warner, which had been a much bigger company with stakes in Hollywood, television and publishing.

In the past year, most of the key leadership positions have been taken over by former Time Warner executives, including chairman and chief executive Dick Parsons, who took the reins from America Online founder Steve Case.

The merger was estimated to be worth a massive $160 billion when it was announced in January 2000.

But the market value of the firm plummeted and some blamed AOL, which has been under investigation for questionable accounting that boosted its revenues and profits.

The company announced a record loss in 2002 of nearly $100 billion, much of it due to writing off the inflated value assigned to some portions of the firm.

AOL Time Warner has been on a tear to cut costs and debt, and most recently sold the Atlanta Hawks basketball team and the Atlanta Thrashers NHL ice hockey team.

These were part of the Turner broadcasting group created by Ted Turner and merged into Time Warner in the 1990s.

The America Online division, meanwhile, has been ailing.

Even though it has been the largest Internet firm, it was a latecomer on high-speed access and has been losing ground to broadband firms as well as discount dial-up carriers.

Online ad revenues are expected to be down at least 35 percent this year.

AOL Time Warner shares rose 14 cents to 16.45 by the end of trading Thursday. *AFP*

Kraft earnings fall 6.8%, cites higher costs

CHICAGO—Kraft Foods Inc., the largest North American food company, said third-quarter profit fell 6.8 percent, hurt by higher marketing costs and weakness in categories such as cookies and European chocolates.

Kraft, which warned earlier of the impact of higher costs, still beat Wall Street expectations.

But it slightly lowered its 2003 outlook for shipment volume growth from ongoing operations to about 1.5 percent from about 2.0 percent.

The maker of Oreo cookies, Oscar Mayer meats and Altoids mints has been bringing down prices in major categories like cheese to attract budget conscious consumers that have sought more private label goods amid the weak US economy.

The Northfield, Illinois-based company has also had to contend with higher commodity costs such as cheese and coffee, which have pressured operating margins.

Heat wave

The company said a summer heat wave in Europe hurt its overseas coffee and chocolate businesses.

"I was very encouraged that they didn't have to lower their (2003) earnings guidance," said Keith Patriquin, a vice president with Loomis Sayles, which owned 1.08 million Kraft shares through June.

Kraft said it earned $810 million, or 47 cents a share, compared with $869 million, or 50 cents, a year earlier.

Analysts had expected earnings of 46 cents a share on average in the quarter ended Sept. 30, according to Reuters Research.

Sales rose 3.7 percent to $7.48 billion, though shipment volume fell 0.2 percent. Sales in North America, Kraft's largest market, rose 1.9 percent to $5.33 billion.

International sales grew 8.2 percent to $2.15 billion, helped in large part by favorable foreign exchange rates.

To combat softness in businesses such as cookies, Kraft has raised its marketing spending for the year. The planned increase didn't start to kick in until September, the company said, resulting in a limited impact on the quarter's sales.

In September, Kraft saw consumption trends in weakened categories such as cheese, cold cuts, and crackers show some improvement, helped by the marketing increase.

Cookies remain depressed, Kraft said, due in part to softness in the overall category while other products, such as cereal bars, are catching the attention of consumers. *Reuters*

Fed sees US economy recovering, but labor markets soft

WASHINGTON—The US economy is gathering momentum but the labor market remains soft, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday in its Beige Book outlook as private economists were ramping up their growth forecasts.

The closely watched report released eight times a year by the central bank confirmed the strengthening pace of the world's largest economy despite a tepid job market.

"Information received from District Banks suggests that, on balance, the pace of economic expansion has picked up since the last report," the Fed said.

The report said consumer spending picked up and even the struggling manufacturing sector showed improvement. But jobs remained scarce.

"Most districts continue to describe labor markets as slack, though there are modest signs of improvement in a number of districts," the Beige Book said.

The report, based on data from the 12 regional Federal Reserve banks, said the labor picture remained spotty, with some improvement in some of the regions.

Private economists expected the pace of US economic growth to rise sharply from 3.3 percent in the second quarter to 5 or 6 percent in the third quarter. But many analysts are concerned that growth could fade without a pickup in hiring.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department said retail sales were down 0.2 percent in September and that, excluding car sales, sales were up 0.3 percent.

The report, which included some revisions to prior months, showed retail sales up by 7.5 percent in the past 12 months.

"Large revisions to August's data make retail sales for the month of September look at lot better than the headline number foretells," said Wachovia Securities economist Matthew Ellis.

"Looking at the trajectory of retail sales in the last four months, consumer spending has clearly been impressive and will be the key to a dramatic acceleration in real GDP growth in the third quarter," said Bank One's Anthony Karydakis, who predicts economic growth of around 6 percent.

David Rosenberg at Merrill Lynch said a big infusion of cash from tax cuts and mortgage refinancing have boosted spending but that the pace may not be sustainable.

"The consensus seems to have moved its third-quarter US GDP estimate to 6 percent and some are talking about a 7-percent handle," he said. "We can see numbers near those levels, but in our view that just sows the seeds for a deeper fourth quarter slowdown."

The Beige Book said consumer spending generally strengthened, although most districts report a pullback in auto sales.

Retailers "generally anticipate modest year-over-year gains for the upcoming holiday season," the report said, adding that "most districts report strengthening in manufacturing activity."

The Beige Book cited "broad-based strength" in residential real estate and construction, but said that commercial real estate markets are "sluggish."

Travel and tourism activity was "mixed but, on balance, showed some improvement," the Fed said.

The Fed said the data showed "modest wage growth" for most US workers, while adding that higher employer costs such as health insurance "are said to be holding down wage increases" in some cases.

As for inflation, "the various districts report little change in prices of consumer goods and services, but steep escalation in certain commodity prices," the report said. *AFP*

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Makilahok sa BARANGAY ASSEMBLY

Ika-18 ng Oktubre 2003 8:00 ng umaga

NATIONWIDE ACTIVITIES

REGION I
ILOCOS NORTE, ILOCOS SUR, LA UNION, PANGASINAN, VIGAN CITY, LAOAG CITY, URDANETA CITY, CANDON CITY, SAN CARLOS CITY, DAGUPAN CITY, SAN FERNANDO CITY, ALAMINOS CITY
Short Program; Candon City Mayor will deliver a short message for the barangays; Punong Barangays will deliver State of the Barangay Address (SOBA); Barangay Officials will present the Accomplishment from March-Oct., income & expenditures, and SK members accomplishment

REGION II
CAGAYAN, ISABELA, NUEVA VIZCAYA, QUIRINO, BATANES, CAUAYAN CITY, SANTIAGO CITY, TUGUEGARAO CITY
Presentation of Accomplishment report; Presentation of Financial Report; Barangay Development Plan for 2004; Briefing Situationer on: Peace & Order, Illegal Drugs, Solid Waste Management, Barangay-Based Institutions, Tree Planting and Sports Activities

REGION III
AURORA
Parade/Short Program; TV and Radio viewing & listening of PGMA speech; Presentation of Accomplishment Report; Development & Financial Plan for 2004; Situation Report; Issues and Concern (Open Forum)

BATAAN
Day long activity on sports, job fair, photo exhibits; Accomplishment Report, Financial Report, Presentation of Development Plan for 2004; Report of activities of Barangay-Based Institutions

BULACAN
Report of Accomplishments and Financial Expenses, Operations and Financial Plan, Barangay-Based Institutions; Open Forum

NUEVA ECIJA
Parade; Barangay Linis Day; Presentation of SOBA; Barangay-Based Institutions; Sports Activities; Ballroom in barangay

PAMPANGA
Ulat sa Barangay; Accomplishment Report and Financial Expenses Report; Barangay-Based Institutions Activities

TARLAC
Tree Planting; Linis Barangay; Medical Mission; Supplemental Feeding; Accomplishment and Financial Report 2003; Barangay Operational Plan 2004; Situationer on: Peace and Order, Anti-Terrorism, Anti-Drug Abuse, Health, Environment, Solid Waste Management

ZAMBALES, TARLAC CITY, SAN JOSE CITY, SJDM CITY, ANGELES CITY, BALANGA CITY, CABANATUAN CITY, GAPAN CITY, MALOLOS CITY, SCIENCE CITY MUNOZ, OLONGAPO CITY, PALAYAN CITY, SAN FERNANDO CITY
Flag Ceremony; Hataw ng Bayan; People s Day; Sports Fest; Medical Mission; Linis Barangay; Tree Planting; Film Showing on Drug Abuse

REGION IV-A
BATANGAS, CAVITE, LAGUNA, QUEZON, RIZAL, BATANGAS CITY, LIPA CITY, TANAUAN, CAVITE, TAGAYTAY, TRECE MARTIRES, SAN PABLO, CALAMBA, LUCENA, ANTIPOLO
Presentation of Accomplishment and Financial Report; Barangay Development Plan for 2004; Briefing Situationer on: Peace & Order, Illegal Drugs, Solid Waste Management, Barangay-Based Institutions, Tree Planting, Sports Activities

REGION IV-B
MARINDUQUE, OCC. MINDORO, ORIENTAL MINDORO. PALAWAN, ROMBLON, CALAPAN CITY, PUERTO PRINCESA
Flag Raising Ceremony; Presentation of Accomplishment Report on: Program/ Projects Implemented, Financial Report 2003, Plans & Programs and Financial Réport 2004; Situationer Report on Peace & Order, Anti-Drug Abuse, Advocacy on Barangay-Based Institutions, Open Forum; Linis Barangay; Sports Activities; Tree Planting; Solid Waste Management; Health Management

REGION V
ALBAY, CAMARINES NORTE, CAMARINES SUR, CATANDUANES, MASBATE, SORSOGON, LEGASPI CITY, LIGAO CITY, TABACCO, IRIGA, NAGA, MASBATE CITY, SORSOGON CITY
Presentation of Accomplishment Report on: P/P/A accomplishment for current year, highlighting the Barangay Based-Institutions on GMAC, BADAC, BPOC, BHERT, Financial Report on Estimated Expenses for current year, Barangay Operations and Financial Plan for 2004; Situationer on: Peace and Order, Anti-Terrorism, Anti-Drug Abuse, Health, Environment, Solid Waste Management, Closing Program

REGION VI
AKLAN, ANTIQUE, CAPIZ, GUIMARAS, ILOILO, NEGROS OCC, ROXAS CITY, ILOILO CITY, PASSI CITY, BACOLOD CITY, BAGO CITY, CADIZ CITY, LA CARLOTA CITY, SAN CARLOS CITY, SILAY CITY, SAGAY CITY, KABANKALAN CITY, TALISAY CITY, VICTORIAS CITY, ESCALANATE CITY, HIMAMAYLAN CITY, SIPALAY CITY
Mayors will organize a wake-up call on vehicle with sound system; Programs/reports on: Accomplishment for 2003, Plan for 2004, Financial Report; Issues & Concern; Open Forum; Symposium; Strengthening of Barangay-Based Institutions; Solid Waste Management; Gawad Pangulo sa Kapaligiran; Sports Activity; Tree Planting

REGION VII
BOHOL, CEBU, NEGROS ORIENTAL, SIQUIJOR, TAGBILARAN, CEBU CITY, DANAO CITY, LAPU-LAPU, MANDAUE, TOLEDO, TALISAY, BAIS, CANLAON, DUMAGUETE, BAYAWAN, TANSAY
Presentation of Accomplishment Report on P/P/As of 2003, Financial Expenses 2003; Barangay Operations and Financial Plan for 2004; Situationer on Peace and Order, Anti-Terrorism, Anti-Drug Abuse, Health, Environment, Solid Waste Management; Status of BBIs; Sports Activities; Medical and Dental Mission; Video showing on livelihood; Search for Model Family in Barangay; Conduct on Civil Registration; Open Forum

REGION VIII
BILIRAN, EASTERN SAMAR, LEYTE, NORTHERN SAMAR, SAMAR, SOUTHERN LEYTE, ORMOC CITY, TACLOBAN CITY, CALBAYOG CITY, MAASIN
Thanksgiving Mass; GMAC Centers Open House; Symposium on Drug Addiction in Urban Areas; Cultural Programs. Market and Agricultural Fair; Medical and Dental Mission to be clustered for maximizing the services of health personnel; Conduct of Barangay Assembly Meeting in the afternoon (invocation, accomplishment report, legislative report, financial report, PPAs for 2004, Lupon reports/BBIs, Open Forum

REGION IX
ZAMBOANGA NORTE, ZAMBOANGA SUR, ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, DAPITAN CITY, DIPOLOG, PAGADIAN, ZAMBOANGA, ISABELA
Presentation of Barangay Executive Report on: Accomplishment and Financial Expenses 2003, Barangay Operations and Financial Plan 2004; Briefing and Advocacy on the following: Peace and Order, Anti-Terrorism, Anti-Drug Abuse, Barangay Tanod, Illegal Gambling; Health and Sanitation: Cleanliness and Clean-up Drive, BHERT Operations and Functions; Environmental: Tree Planting, Ecological and Solid Waste Management; Sports Operations BPFSDCs: GMAC; Volunteer Meeting Info and referrals sent; Medical and Dental Mission and Singing Contest

REGION X
BUKIDNON, CAMIGUIN, LANAO DEL NORTE, MISAMIS OCC, MISAMIS ORIENTAL, MALAYBALAY CITY, VALENCIA, ILIGAN, OROQUIETA, OZAMIS, TAGUB, CAGAYAN DE ORO, GINGOOG
Presentation of Accomplishment report on: P/P/As 2003, Financial Expenses 2003; Advocacy on Voters Registration; Finalization of Barangay Public Safety Plan; Advocacy on BBIs; Tree Planting; Programs, Projects and Financial Plan 2004: Sports Activities

REGION XI
DAVAO DEL NORTE, DAVAO ORIENTAL, DAVAO DEL SUR, COMPOSTELA VALLEY, ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL, TAGUM, PANABO, DAVAO, DIGOS
Presentation of Accomplishment Reports for 2003; Reports of income and expenditure for CY 2003; Accomplishment reports of different committees in the barangay; Presentation of newly enacted ordinances; SK reports (accomplishment and activities); Target Budget for CY 2004; Peace and Order Situation; Other concerns: GMAC, BPOC, BADAC, BHERT, BESWMC; Open Forum

REGION XII
COTABATO, SOUTH COTABATO, SARANGANI, SULTAN KUDARAT, KIDAPAWAN, COTABATO, GEN. SANTOS, KORONADAL, TACURONG
Information and strengthening of BBIs; Tree Planting; Cleaning of coastal areas; Presentation of: Accomplishment Report on P/P/As and Expenditures 2003; Presentation of Barangay Operational and Financial Plan for 2004; Sports Activities

CARAGA
AGUSAN NORTE, AGUSAN SUR, SURIGAO NORTE, SURIGAO SUR, BUTUAN CITY, SURIGAO CITY, BISLIG CITY
Parade; Short Program; Hanging of Streamers; Report on: Accomplishment and Financial Report for 2003; Presentation of Barangay Operational; Financial Plan for 2004; Situational Report on: Peace and Order, Anti-Terrorism. Anti-Drug Abuse, Environment, Solid Waste Management; Presentation and discussion of Barangay-Based Institutions

CAR
ABRA, BENGUET, MT. PROVINCE, IFUGAO, KALINGA, APAYAO, BAGUIO CITY
Parade; Arts and Cultural Presentations; Poster Making; Barangay Linis; Tree Planting; Sports Activity; SOBA; Accomplishment Report of the Programs and Projects: Financial Report, Peace and Order, Anti-Terrorism, Health, Environment, Solid Waste Management; Updates of BBIs; Barangay Operational and Financial Plan 2004; Open Forum

NCR
MANILA, CALOOCAN, PASAY, QUEZON, MANDALUYONG, PASIG, MAKATI, MUNTINLUPA, MARIKINA, LAS PINAS, PARANAQUE, VALENZUELA, MALABON, NAVOTAS, PATEROS, SAN JUAN, TAGUIG
Presentation of Accomplishment and Financial Status 2003, P/P/As and Financial Plan for 2004; Situationer Report on: Peace and Order, Anti-Terrorism, Anti-Drug Abuse, Health, Environment, Solid Waste Management, Barangay-Based Institutions; Issues and Concerns; Open Forum; Other Activities such as Tree Planting, Cleanliness Drive, Fun-run, Medical and Dental Mission, Distribution of info on SARS, Dengue, Hepa Preventions, Awarding of Plaques of Recognition/Appreciation to Outstanding Group in selected barangays

Main Activities

- **Flag Raising**
- **Panunumpa sa Watawat**
- **State of the Barangay Address (SOBA)**
  - ★ **Barangay Situation**
  - ★ **Barangay Profile**
  - ★ **Barangay Income and Expenditures**
  - ★ **Barangay accomplishment Report**
  - ★ **Issues and Concerns**
    - ☞ **Peace and Order**
      - **Anti-terrorism**
      - **Anti-Drug abuse**
    - ☞ **Social Well-being**
    - ☞ **Resource Mobilization**
    - ☞ **Economic Development**
    - ☞ **Environmental Management**
- **Barangay Plan for 2004**
- **Open Forum**
- **Tree Planting**
- **Medical Dental Mission**
- **Flea Market**
- **Agri-Industrial Fair**
- **Sports Fest**
  (with different kinds of exhibition)
- **Dances**
  (street and ballroom dancing)
- **Children/Youth Painting Contest**
- **Cleanliness/Beautification Contest**

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ProductFILES

The Raptor Blast from Hot Wheels

HOT WHEELS, the leader in die-cast toy cars, introduces one of its newest products, The Raptor Blast. In celebration of its 35th year, Hot Wheels still has a lot of fun and exciting toys under its sleeves. The Raptor Blast track set comes complete with die-cast toy car and is easy to assemble. It also interconnects with other exciting track sets like the Octoblast, Starter Set and a whole lot more. The more track sets you buy, the bigger your set will be.

Got what it takes to beat the Raptor? Throw your car in the loop so you can gain speed, and when you think you're ready, release your car to try to make a pass on the mean-looking Raptor on the other end.

The Raptor Blast from Hot Wheels is available at leading department stores nationwide. Also get the chance to join the "World of Trax Competition" at Toy Kingdom. Just purchase any Hot Wheels item worth P150.

Hot Wheels is exclusively distributed by Richwell Trading Corp.

Ginseng possible weapon vs Hepa B

HEPATITIS B is a killer disease that targets a vital part of your body-the liver. The liver assists in converting the food that you eat into energy and helps you break down your waste products. Hepatitis B, caused by the Hepatitis B virus (HBV), can prevent your liver from working properly. If not detected and managed early, extensive damage could result in cirrhosis and may later progress to liver cancer. Hepatitis B is the fifth most common cause of death worldwide and 100 times more infectious than the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), health researchers have said.

The disease is transferred through contact with contaminated blood, semen, saliva or any other body fluids. The main transmission routes are unsafe sex, vertical transmission from mother to child in the uterus or breast feeding, contaminated or unsterilized medical instruments or needles, and even from razor and toothbrush sharing.

Research by Dr. Masahiro Yamamoto of Nissay Hospital in Japan points that human-shaped herbs called ginseng can promote the multiplication of liver cells, replacing cells destroyed by chronic hepatitis and helping the liver recover from chronic hepatitis damages and immunity functions. After taking the herb for three months, several patients have reportedly gotten better, liver functions were observed to have improved and liver regeneration increased.

Ginseng, particularly Cheong-Kwan-Jang Red Ginseng, has been found effective against other ailments such as diabetes, hypertension, arthritis, stroke, tuberculosis and even cancer.

The herb is free from any side effects, and has been recommended by some doctors. For more information on free consultations on Hepatitis B, call 526-4399, or text 0920-8671757.

CDO'S CULINARY PROGRAM

CDO-Foodsphere Inc has launched a culinary campaign designed to inform consumers of the many applications of CDO Ham. The food company has tapped noted TV host Suzi Entrata Abrera to showcase the versatility of the processed meat product in food preparation. Abrera is featured in a segment titled 'The Everyday Ham with Suzi' in the morning show 'Unang Hirit' of GMA 7 from Oct. 6 to 31. Shown with Suzi after filming an episode is CDO product specialist Ana Uranza and assistant product manager Ice Galangan.

AIKO LEADS NEOZEP PROJECT LAUNCH IN QC

What was supposed to have been an ordinary school day in Dona Juana Elementary School turned out to be one that the students would never forget. Pupils from Grade 1, section 1 class were anticipating a morning of stories and puppets from ventriloquist Ony Carcamo and the rest of the Biyaheng Eskwela ng Neozep when Quezon City Councilor Aiko Melendez dropped in and gave an animated interpretation of the story 'Hatsiing! Nang Magkasipon ang Kaibigan ni Kid Ilong' by Adarna House. She then led the rest of the Neozep team in formally launching the second leg of Biyaheng Eskwela ng Neozep, a traveling interactive project that aims to teach children cold prevention and management through storytelling and games.

Clips

Coffee Beanery 1st franchise

THE COFFEE Beanery, where coffee making is an art, opens its first franchise today, Oct. 17 at Quezon Avenue near corner West 4th Street in Quezon City. This outlet, owned and managed by Applied Leisure in Sales and Operations Corp (Also Corp) is the first franchise of the Coffee Beanery from the Cravings Food Services run by the BYOB Corp. The Coffee Beanery Quezon Avenue has actually been in operations this month. The Café Latte, espresso with steamed milk topped with the signature Coffee Beanery Latte Art, is its best seller. It also offers hot and cold coffee, iced tea house blend and herbal tea, plus a wide array of delectable cakes, pastries and pasta straight from the Cravings kitchen. Also available for take home are Coffee Beanery Cravings Blend and other coffee beans. Coffee mugs of different sizes are also available.

NitrOmania promo

MOZCOMNITRO, the hippest prepaid Internet card in the country today, is giving exciting discounts and freebies to loyal users as well as chances to win high tech gadgets in its NitrOmania promo. Used MozcomNitro I-cards bearing the image of rapper Eminem and Silly CD designs can be exchanged for discounts at Tower Records, Music One and Dickies Jeans. MozcomNitro users with five used MozcomNitro I-cards can avail themselves of a 10-percent discount at Tower Records and Music One stores, while six used I-cards can get them a 10-percent discount at Dickies Jeans. The same I-cards can also qualify users to join the NitrOmania grand raffle for a chance to win a Nokia 3300 cell phone, Sony DVD Player, Creative MP3 Player and Palm handhelds. Only I-cards activated from Sept. 1 to Dec. 7 will be honored. The grand raffle will be held on Dec. 15. For more information, call 848-2606 (Manila), 443-9502 (Baguio), 253-0013 (Cebu), and 221-1462 (Davao).

LOJ restages musical play

THE LIGHT of Jesus (LOJ) Community, a Catholic organization founded by Bro. Bo Sanchez, will have another run of its fund-raising project, a musical play titled "Queen Esther: A Woman of Dignity and Courage" based on the story of the famous biblical character. The play will be staged again on Oct. 18 and 19 at the Bulwagang Arturo Enrile (AFP Theater), Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City and on Nov. 15 and 16 in SM City Cebu Theater, Cebu City. For ticket inquiries, call Bro. Caloy Dimson or Sis. Dhel Ganuelas at 912-0868 or 439-0057. Ticket prices are at P200, 300 and 500. The play is presented in cooperation with Dai-Ichi Electronics, Air Philippines, and the Friends of Pia, and supported by Konka Television and Gakken Philippines, Avon Colors, and Nestle Philippines. Minor sponsors include Splash Manufacturing Corp, CI-CG International Trade Corp and Chateau 1771 Group of Companies.

Revolutionary mobile application

A REVOLUTIONARY text application called BoardCast has been developed. It allows users to send their messages and have these messages appear on an electronic billboard. Developed by Infinit-e Asia, BoardCast was one of the winning applications in the recently concluded Nokia Mobile Java Challenge Contest. BoardCast is a mobile electronic billboard broadcasting system that works via three modules: a J2ME Module, the Web Module and the Station Module. The J2ME Module is the main user interaction agent and is the starting point for all BoardCast requests. When you are done creating the message, the J2ME module will send your request to the BoardCast Web Module for further processing. The Web Module via SMS, Web or Manual Push, then forwards the successfully processed messages to the appropriate billboards. For those interested in BoardCast, call Liesl Lim at 632-0777.

Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) with office address at P. Paredes cor. Morayta Sts., Sampaloc, Manila, invites interested bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for any or all of the following:

ITEMS FOR BIDDING	APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT	DATE OF PRE-BID CONFERENCE	DURATION OF THE PROJECT
Licensure Examination Registration Information System (LERIS)	P 20 Million	November 19, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., PABE Conference Room 3rd Floor, PRC Main Bldg.	1-1/2 Years but Walk-In Exams should be piloted in February 2004
Central Records Management Information System (CRMIS)	P 10 Million	November 19, 2003, at 2:00 p.m., PABE Conference Room, 3rd Floor, PRC Main Bldg.	1-1/2 Years Pilot of retrieval of scanned, sorted, and indexed documents in February 2004

The LERIS shall cover the design, development, enhancement, and installation of an on-line system for PRC's business processes from the filing of application of a candidate for licensure examination in a particular profession, the planning and administration of examination, the release of the examination results, the licensing of professionals and related support functions in the central office with the end view of replicating all or some of the services/functions in the regional offices and at the Philippine Consulates abroad. The project includes the provision of the necessary hardware, software, services and networking facilities to make LERIS operational.

The CRMIS shall cover the enhancement of PRC records management system, conversion of important PRC records to digital format, development and installation of a computerized storage, indexing and retrieval system, and the configuration design, acquisition, and installation of the necessary hardware and software components to implement the system.

Bidders may consist of local or joint local and foreign consultants duly registered with the SEC and/or any agency authorized by the laws of the Philippines. Any bidder not yet registered with the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) for consulting services is required to register and may obtain the list of the registration/eligibility requirements at the Office of Commissioner Leonor Tripon-Rosero, at the 2nd Floor, PRC Main Bldg. starting on October 20, 2003.

The registration/eligibility requirements for both projects shall be submitted separately for each project to the Office of Commissioner Leonor Tripon-Rosero not later than 5 o'clock p.m. on October 27, 3003.

Prospective BIDDERS shall be evaluated using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria against a checklist of requirements. ONLY ELIGIBLE PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS shall undergo short-listing based on the following criteria:

	Weights (%)	
	CRMIS	LERIS
Experience of the Firm on Systems Integration	60	60
Qualification and Availability of Personnel to be assigned to these projects	30	30
Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Equipment	10	10

The Bidding documents and Terms of Reference (TOR) of the above projects shall be made available ONLY TO SHORTLISTED BIDDERS after paying a non-refundable fee of TEN THOUSAND (P10,000) PESOS for each project at the Office of Commissioner Leonor Tripon-Rosero within ten (10) days from issuance of Shortlist of prospective bidders.

The bids shall be evaluated using the **QUALITY BASED METHOD for LERIS** and the **QUALITY-COST BASED METHOD for the CRMIS.**

All particulars relative to the registration, eligibility, bidding, evaluation of bids, and awards of contract shall be governed by the applicable provisions of Republic Act No. 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act (GRPA), and its implementing rules and regulations.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract, or to annul the bidding process at any time prior to contract award, to waive any required formality in the bids received or defects therein, or to accept such bid as may be considered most advantageous to the Commission, without giving any reason thereto and incurring any liability to the affected Bidder/s.

The PRC does not assume any obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expense that may be incurred in the preparation of their bid, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

Recommendation to award by the BAC is subject to the final approval by the Chairperson of the Commission.

For any inquiry, please call the BAC Chairperson at telephone number: 735-1536.

(Sgd.) ANTONIETA FORTUNA-IBE
Chairperson

(PDI – October 17 & 24, 2003)

VICTORIAS
MILLING COMPANY, INC.

INVITATION TO BID

Victorias Milling Company, Inc., Victorias City, Negros Occidental, would like to invite bidders to bid for the following items on an "As is where is basis" inclusive of VAT.

Asset Description	Est. Volume (Tons)	Floor Price Per Kilo (Php)
A. Cane Car Wheels and Axles	1,300.0	7.20
B. Cane Cars, Mud Cars, Closed Cars	450.0	5.50
C. (4) units Used Vehicles		
D. Barges, Dredgers, Tugboats		
E. Locomotives	200.0	5.50

1. The bid documents are available for issuance from October 17 to 28, 2003, during office hours at Sugar Marketing, Warehousing & Asset Mgmt. & Disposal Division Office building (formerly Urban Bank) Vicmico Compound, Victorias City, Negros Occidental and at the VMC Makati Office upon payment of non-refundable fee of P200.00 at the VMC Cashier's Office for the bidding kit.
2. Pre-bidding conference will be scheduled on October 23, 2003 (Thursday), 10:00 A.M. at the HRD Conference Room. Inspection of disposable items will follow thereafter.
3. Commercial bidding will be scheduled on October 29, 2003 (Wednesday) at 3:00 P.M. at the HRD Conference Room, Vicmico Compound, Victorias City, Negros Occidental.
4. On item B, wheels and axles, journal box and brass bearings are not included in the sale. On item D, Barges', Dredgers' and Tugboats' propellers, propeller shafts and MT Cadiz's engine and portable generator are also not included in the sale. Bidding of Barges, Dredgers and Tugboats is on a per unit basis. On item E, Locomotives' Traction motors, wirings, control panels, journal box, engines and radiator tanks are also not included in the sale. For item C, Used Vehicles' description and floor price are indicated in the Asset Information in the bidding kit.
5. Sealed bids shall be accompanied by a deposit of 20% of the bid price in the form of Cashier's/Manager's check. The 20% deposit of the winning bidder will be withheld by the Bidding Committee and will be deposited at the VMC Cashier's Office as a bond.
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IN RE: PETITION FOR
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Case No. SPP NO. 03-007 (PL)

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ORDER

Pursuant to Resolution No. 6320 dated September 12, 2003, the petitioner is hereby directed to publish its petition, together with this Order in two (2) newspapers of general circulation at its own expense.

Let this case be set for hearing on October 22, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, at the Comelec Session Hall, Intramuros, Manila.

The Clerk of the Commission is hereby directed to implement this Order.

SO ORDERED.

Given this 7th day of October 2003, at Manila, Philippines.

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PETITION

Petitioner, GABRIELA WOMEN'S PARTY, by undersigned counsel, to this Honorable Commission, respectfully states:

1. Petitioner GABRIELA WOMEN'S PARTY, herein represented by its Chairperson Hedda Calderon, is a national sectoral organization seeking registration with COMELEC under Section 5, Article VI of the Constitution, Republic Act No. 7941 and other relevant laws and implementing guidelines. It may be served with orders, notices and other processes through its National Office at 127-A Scout Fuentebella, Kamuning, Quezon City, Metro Manila;

2. Petitioner seeks to participate in the next election sometime May, 2004, to enable marginalized and under-represented women to obtain representation in the House of Representatives, which is dominated by parties with big political machinery;

3. Its principles, objectives, organizational set-up and other pertinent information are spelled-out in its Constitution and By-laws which was ratified by its members during its First National Convention held sometime on 28 October 2001. A copy of the Constitution and By-laws is hereto attached as Annex "A";

4. It's current set of officers, who were elected on 28 October 2001 and will serve their respective terms up to October, 2004, or until a new set of officers are elected, are:

4.1. Chairperson - Hedda Calderon
4.2. Vice-Chairperson - Irene Donato
4.3. Secretary General - Rita Anastacio
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5. Its platform or program of government is hereto attached as Annex "B";

6. Petitioner has the capacity to launch a national electoral campaign. Attached herewith as Annex "C" is a list of the centers offices/contact addresses of its regional chapters/formations;

7. Petitioner is not disqualified from being registered as a national sectoral party list:

7.1. It is not a religious sect or denomination, organization or association organized for religious purposes.
7.2. It does not advocate violence or unlawful means to achieve its goal;
7.3. It is not a foreign party or organization;
7.4. It is not receiving support from any foreign government foreign political party, foundation, organization, whether directly or indirectly or through its officers or members or indirectly through third parties for partisan election purposes;

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully prays that it be registered by this Honorable Commission as a national sectoral party and that it be allowed to submit to this Honorable Commission a list of at least five (5) nominees to represent it in the House of Representatives, and finally to allow it to participate in the next election for members of the House of Representatives.

Other equitable relief and remedies are likewise prayed for.

Quezon City for Manila, 28 February 2003

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CERTIFICATION/VERIFICATION

I, HEDDA CALDERON, Filipino, of legal age, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law, hereby state that:

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2. I caused the preparation of the above Petition, and the contents thereof are true of my knowledge;

3. I have not heretofore commenced any other action or proceeding involving the same issues in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals or any other tribunal or agency. To the best of my knowledge, there is no other action or proceeding involving the same issues or is related to the instant case pending in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals or any other tribunal or agency. If I should hereafter learn that a similar action or proceeding has been filed or is pending before the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals or any other tribunal or agency, I undertake to report that fact within five (5) days therefrom to this Office.

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The Armed Forces of the Philippines invites interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid for the **ACQUISITION OF MINIMUM OF FOURTEEN (14) PROPELLERS AND OVERHAULING OF TWELVE (12) ENGINES FOR OV-10A AIRCRAFT AND ITS INTEGRATED LOGISTICS SUPPORT (ILS)** of the Philippine Air Force with an approved budget of **Two Hundred Forty Five Million Seven Hundred Sixty Pesos (Php245,760,000.00)** under the AFP Modernization Program.

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Bid documents will only be available for issuance starting **October 17, 2003** during office hours between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (local time) at the BAC Secretariat, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Capability, Materiel and Technology Development, J9, GHQ, AFP, 3rd Floor, Bulwagang Mabini, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City upon payment of **Twenty Four Thousand Pesos (Php 24,000.00)** each, which is not refundable. The form of payment will be in cash or cashier's check in favor of the AFP Modernization Act Trust Fund.

A Special Power of Attorney, issued by the prospective bidder, authorizing its representative to purchase the 1st stage bid documents in its behalf, shall be required before issuance of the said documents.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **October 29, 2003 at 09:00 a.m.** (local time) at the **Silid Panday Pira**, 1st Floor, Bulwagang Mabini, Camp General Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Bidders may submit their query/ies, if any, in writing to the BAC Secretariat not later than seven (7) working days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference.

The deadline for submission of application for eligibility requirements and the bid envelope is on **November 12, 2003 at 08:30 a.m.** (local time) to be followed by the Opening of Bids at **09:00 a.m.** at Silid Panday Pira.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines reserves the right to reject any or all bids based on the grounds specified in RA 9184 without assuming any obligation whatsoever for any expenses or losses that may be incurred by the bidder in the preparation of his bid.

JAIME M VIERNES
Brigadier General AFP
Vice-Chairman, BAC

(PDI - Oct. 17 & 22 2003)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
HOME GUARANTY CORPORATION
Region I Field Office

INVITATION TO BID

The Home Guaranty Corporation (HGC) hereby invites offers to purchase by way of cash sealed bids on the following properties:

NAME/LOCATION OF PROPERTY			REMARKS	HOUSE AREA, sm	LOT AREA, sm	MINIMUM BID PRICE, Pesos
1. Villa Manaoag Subdivision, Phase I Inventory						
Bgy. Pugaro, Manaoag, Pangasinan						
	BLK NO.	LOT NO.				
	1	6	House & Lot/Titled	24.00	163.00	180,000.00
	1	11	House & Lot/Titled	24.00	142.00	180,000.00
	1	12	House & Lot/Titled	24.00	154.00	180,000.00
	5	4	House & Lot/Titled	24.00	162.00	180,000.00
2. Villa Manaoag Subdivision, Phase II (70 lots)			Lots only/Titled		16,681.00	4,737,981.51
Bgy. Pugaro, Manaoag, Pangasinan						
3. Block 6, Lot 31, Villa Pozorrubio Subdivision			House & Lot/Titled	25.00	80.00	225,000.00
Bgy. Alipangpang, Pozorrubio, Pangasinan						
4. 160 Castro-Sarmenta Subdivision, Bolosan			House & Lot/Titled	102.00	185.00	650,000.00
District, Dagupan City, Pangasinan						

A bidder's bond equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the total bid price in the form of cash or certified manager's/cashier's check payable to HGC will be required of all prospective bidders.

The bidder is advised to inspect the actual condition of the property/ies subject of public bidding. All property/ies are being sold on "as-is" basis. Particulars may be obtained at the Region I Field Office, 2/F Insular Life Building, Abanao Road Extension, Baguio City, or call (074) 443-60-33, (074) 443-95-85, or (074) 446-48-81.

Sealed bids must be received on or before 2:00 pm, Monday, 03 November 2003 at the 2/F, Insular Life Building, Abanao Road Extension, Baguio City.

THE CORPORATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL OFFER, TO WAIVE ANY DEFECTS THEREIN OR TO ACCEPT SUCH OFFERS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CORPORATION.

(Sgd.) **RAFAEL P. DELOS SANTOS**
Chairperson
Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI–October 15, 16 & 17, 2003)

DBP

Development Bank of the Philippines

The Development Bank of the Philippines will receive sealed bids on October 29, 2003, 2:00 p.m., Auditorium of the DBP Head Office, Sen. Gil Puyat Ave. cor. Makati Ave., Makati City for the following properties on CASH BASIS

CODE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM BID
REAL ESTATE			
MANILA			
AMD-EL-73	No. 72 Apple St., Km. 18, Maywood Village II, Parañaque City	340 m² residential/industrial lot (TCT No.146227) w/ bldg. & imprvts.	P 5,216,800.00
AMD-EL-74	Suite 12-B, Penthouse, Avalon Condominium, No. 95 Xavier St. cor. Ortigas Ave, San Juan	170 m² condominium unit (CCT No.10964-R)	P 7,354,000.00
ALBAY			
LEG-RBD-001	Doña Aurora St., Old Albay, Legaspi City	1,220 m² lots (TCT Nos. 53179 & 53178) w/ bldg. & imprvts.	P 5,000,000.00
BULACAN			
CWB-13	Tigbe, Norzagaray	1,028 m² agro-industrial lot (TCT No.T-401414 M) w/ bldgs. & imprvts.	P 2,011,400.00
CAVITE			
AMD-EL-75a	Cherry St., Greenfield Subd.,	216 m² residential lot (TCT No.T-899528) w/ fence	P 648,000.00
AMD-EL-75b	Bo. Silangan, Rosario	216 m² residential lot (TCT No.T-896707) w/ fence	P 648,000.00
CEBU			
AMD-ED-76	Canjulao, Lo-oc, Lapu-lapu City	2,988 m² residential lot (TCT No.T-48549)	P 4,483,500.00
LEYTE			
AMD-ML-77	So.Matam-is, Brgy. Binongto-an Alang-Alang	11,661 m² agricultural lot (TCT No.T-32425)	P 349,800.00
QUIRINO			
LJG-134	Brgy. Villamor, Cabarroguis,	73,344 m² agro-residential lot (TCT No.T-19)	P 1,833,400.00
RIZAL			
AMD-ML-78	Lot 8 Blk 6, Peace Village, San Jose, Antipolo City	80 m² residential lot (TCT No. R-14720) w/ bldg. & imprvts.	P 300,200.00
AMD-EL-79	Bagumbayan, Teresa	3,747m² int. agricultural lot (M-96063) w/ piggery bldgs. & imprvts.	P 1,733,600.00
CHATTELS (sale on "as-is, where-is" basis)			
CWB-29	Bldg. 693, SRF Cmpd., Gridley St., Subic Bay Free Port Zone, Olongapo City	Various stainless steel machinery & eqpt. for food mfg.	P 58,000.00 to P13,266,700.00
AMD-ED-80	Cagayan Valley Rd., Brgy. Tambubong, San Rafael, Bulacan	1 lot various woodworking machinery & eqpt.	P 7,076,300.00
AMD-EL-81a	TMEC Eqpt. Depot, Brgy. Paho, Libertad, Antique	5 units various machinery & eqpt. for marble quarrying	P 5,000.00 to 950,000.00
AMD-EL-81b	Along National Road, Brgy. Lablab, Aklan	1 unit Hitachi Backhoe, UH-07-03	P 120,000.00
AMD-EL-81c	Along National Road, Brgy. Cabugao, Aklan	1 unit Mitsubishi Backhoe, UH-09	P 80,000.00
AMD-ML-82	La Campana Cmpd., EDSA Balintawak, Quezon City	1 lot various sewing machinery & eqpt.	P 129,200.00
AMD-ML-83a	Bo. Tawiran, Obando, Bulacan	2 units hydraulic press	P 84,800.00
AMD-ML-83b		2 units grinding machine	P 36,600.00
AMD-EL-84	Brgy. Estrada, Capas	10 units various brick-making machinery & eqpt.	P 3,420.00 to 63,900.00
AMD-ML-85	DBP Depot, Doña Severina Subd., Parañaque City	1 unit Toolmaker Microscope	P 38,720.00
AMD-ED-86	DBP Depot, Doña Severina Subd., Parañaque City	1 lot sewing machines and eqpt.	P 26,400.00

BIDDERS ARE REMINDED:

1. To inspect the properties to determine their actual condition before the bidding;
2. To submit in DBP's official bid form available at the AMD-Acquired Assets, 2nd Floor, DBP Head Office during office hours; and
3. To be on time. No bids will be accepted once unsealing of the bids commences. The sale shall be subject to other terms and conditions which may be imposed by the Bank.

DBP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY FORMALITY THEREIN, OR TO ACCEPT SUCH BIDS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE BANK. THE DECISION OF THE BANK IS FINAL AND BINDING.

For inquiries, please call telephone numbers:
893-7172 or 818-9511 loc. 2218/2252 for Code starting with AMD;
892-3836 or 818-9511 loc. 2227 for LJG;
926-1686 or 818-9511 loc. 1411 for CWB; and
892-3936/(052)820-2515/ (052)480-7066 or 818-9511 loc. 2227 or 1423 for LEG.

ASSET MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

(PDI – October 17 & 18, 2003)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION
MANILA BRANCH 10

IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION
OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF
LIVE BIRTH OF JUDE ALDWIN DELA
CRUZ CANTILLER OF THE LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF MANILA

SP. PROC. NO. 02-105103

SPS. JOSEPH G. CANTILLER &
MAIDEN DELA CRUZ-CANTILLER,
Petitioners
x- -x

ORDER

Through a verified petition, petitioners SPS. JOSEPH G. CANTILLER AND MAIDEN DELA CRUZ-CANTILLER seeks to correct the following entries in the certificate of Live Birth of their son Judge Aldwin Dela Cruz Cantiller in the following manner, to wit:

	FROM	TO
1. date and place of marriage of parents	July 20, 1989 Manila	January 10, 1995 San Juan, Metro Manila

2. and to declare Jude Aldwin Dela Cruz Cantiller as legitimate child.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the petition be set for hearing on October 28, 2003 at 8:30 in the morning before the sala of the Assisting Judge of this Court at Room 503, 5th Floor, Manila City Hall. All interested parties are hereby notified of said hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published, at the expense of the petitioner, once a week for three consecutive weeks, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Manila, to be selected by a raffle pursuant to P.D. No. 1079.

Let copies of the petition together with the annexes and copy of this Order be served upon the Office of the Solicitor General and the Civil Registrar of the City of Manila.

SO ORDERED.

Manila, Philippines, September 24, 2003.

(Sgd.) ROSARIO C. CRUZ
Assisting Judge

(PDI – October 10, 17 & 24, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Misamis Oriental
Cagayan de Oro City

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that Rolando A. Uy has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from ARMANDO to ROLANDO in the birth certificate of ARMANDO ADLAO UY who was born on July 5, 1954 at Bonifacio, Misamis Occidental and whose parents are Joaquin Uy and Margarita Adlao.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition within this office not later than October 20, 2003.

(Sgd.) LEO G. WABE
City Civil Registrar

(PDI–Oct. 10 & 17, 2003)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Due to the failure of the previous bidding on the following items, the Davao City Water District (DCWD) hereby invites all interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid for the supply and delivery for the following Pump and Motors:

Item Package	Description	Ceiling of Bid Price
1	1-unit 125Hp Vertical Turbine Pump and Motor for Production Well No. 2	P 1,370,000.00
2	1-unit 125Hp Vertical Turbine Pump and Motor for Production Well No. 3	1,310,000.00
3	1-unit 125Hp Vertical Turbine Pump and Motor for Production Well No. 4	1,435,000.00
4	1-unit 125Hp Vertical Turbine Pump and Motor for Production Well No. 6	1,165,000.00
5	1-unit 125Hp Vertical Turbine Pump and Motor for Production Well No. 14	905,000.00
6	1-unit 125Hp Vertical Turbine Pump and Motor for Production Well No. 19	985,000.00
7	1-unit 100Hp Vertical Turbine Pump and Motor for Production Well No. 20	1,000,000.00
8	1-unit 75Hp Vertical Turbine Pump and Motor for Production Well No. 29	900,000.00
9	1-unit 125Hp Vertical Turbine Pump and Motor for Production Well No. 30	1,050,000.00
	Total –	P 10,120,000.00

Eligibility requirements per item package are available at the Purchasing Division Office starting **October 10, 2003** during its business hours. Deadline for the submission of eligibility requirements will be on or before **October 24, 2003.**

Bid documents may be released only to applicants with a Notice of Eligibility, upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P300.00 per package starting **October 31, 2003.**

Pre-bidding is set on **November 14, 2003** at 3:00 p.m. and the Opening of Bids on **November 21, 2003** at 3:00 p.m. at the DCWD Conference Room.

DCWD reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality/informality of the bids and to accept only such bids which are advantageous to the District.

(Sgd.) **ALFONSO E. LAID**
AGM for Administration
Chairman, Bids & Canvass Committee

(PDI – October 10 & 17, 2003)

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"... Life is eternal and love is immortal,
and death is only a horizon,
and a horizon is nothing, save the limit of our sight..."

In loving memory of

ARTURO P. AMORES

Who joined our Creator
on the 13th of October 2003.

His loving wife **EVELYN**, and daughters **ARLENE**, **AURORA** and **ANGELA**, brothers and sisters, in-laws, and other relatives and friends request the pious readers to join them in prayer for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapels. Funeral Mass will be held on October 19, 2003 at 8:00 a.m.

Interment will follow at the Sto. Rosario Memorial Park, Taytay, Rizal.

"You will be deeply missed, but the
memories of your goodness and love will
live with us and remain in our hearts forever."

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."
Psalm 23:1, 6

DANIEL EMMANUEL UY DE GALA

"Toting"

Passed away peacefully in the grace of our Lord
on the 14th of October 2003, at the age of 17.

Loving Parents
Daniel & Dolores

Loving Brother & Sisters
Donna, Fiday, Jun-Jun & Nanot

Loving Grandmothers
Anicia Reyes De Gala
&
Natividad Uy Gaan

Loving Great Grandmother
Doña Aguida De Gala

We, his family, relatives and friends, request the pious readers to remember him in their prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at San Pedro Bautista Mortuary, Candelaria, Quezon. Interment will be on **Saturday, October 18, 2003** at San Pedro Bautista Memorial Park following the **2:00 p.m.** Mass at San Pedro Bautista Parish Church at Candelaria, Quezon.

An obituary with a picture can be a fitting tribute to your departed loved one.

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INQUIRER OBITUARIES

OBITUARY REQUIREMENTS:

❶ Copy of Death Certificate
❷ Any identification document (I.D.)

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"...absent with the body to be present with the Lord."
2 Corinthians 5:8

PNP LT. FREDDIE S. ESTEBAN (RET.)

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on October 16, 2003 at the age of 65.

His loving wife **Amelia**; children **Joal** and **Susan**, **Ricky**, **Yvette** and **Valerie**; grandchildren **Julia** and **Chelsea**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at 27 (Marigold St.) St. Dominic 9 Novaliches, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Thursday, October 23, 2003 at the Holy Cross Memorial Park, after the 2:00 p.m. Mass.

Arch. Apolinario "Poly" S. Apilado, Jr.

(16 January 1937 - 15 October 2003)

Arch. # 1238, "Lolo Poly", "Papi"
to his loved ones, has joined his beloved sweetheart and wife
Francisca "Iken" A. Apilado (†) in God's heavenly embrace.

Ago and **Marife**, **Ponchit**, **Bea**, and **Sam**, and **Match Apilado** request all his relatives, friends and loved ones to pray for the eternal repose of "Lolo Papi's" soul.

"Puloy's" remains lie in state at Capilla - C Arlington East,
The Garden Chapels, C. Raymundo Avenue cor. Mercedes Avenue,
San Miguel, Pasig City.

Interment will be announced later.

RICARDO LOPEZ CONSUNJI, JR.

Peacefully joined God on October 15,2003 at the age of 64.

Boomba's loving wife **Baby**; parents **Carding** (†) and **Mameng**; children and spouses: **Becky** and **Bong Muñoz**, **Bombit** and **Ditas**, **Bobby** and **Allie**, **Roxy** and **Stanley Fernandez**, **Kuku** and **Annette**, **Bino** and **Camille**; grandchildren: **Marcus**, **Jeo**, **Corey**, **Marco**, **Joella**, **Tricia** and **Mika**; brothers and sisters: **Pincus** (†), **Mandy** and **Ruben Torres**, **Cecille** and **Tony Navarro**, **Tom** and **Christine**; relatives and friends request prayers for his eternal happiness in Heaven.

His remains lie in state at the Center for Peace Asia, 140 Lopez-Rizal St., Mandaluyong.

Interment will be on Sunday, October 19, 2003 at the Manila Memorial Park in Sucat, Parañaque City after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Center for Peace.

CLASSIFIEDS

TransCo launches Bantayos Pilot Project in Atimonan, Quezon

THE NATIONAL Transmission Corp. (TransCo) has implemented a novel scheme which intends to foster a stronger sense of ownership in communities hosting transmission facilities by sharing the responsibility of transmitting power with these communities.

TransCo has identified Atimonan, Quezon as a pilot area for the implementation of the Bantayos Program which taps communities living near the transmission facilities to monitor and protect these structures from lawless elements in order to prevent power outages.

In return, TransCo will provide employment opportunities to members of the communities by hiring their services for cutting and clearing of trees and de-rusting and repainting of tower parts.

Likewise, TransCo will also offer the Free Lineman Training Course to interested youths in the area to provide them with the necessary skills needed for a career in the local electricity sector.

TransCo President Alan T. Ortiz said the program reinforces the TransCo's commitment to foster a stronger sense of ownership in communities hosting transmission facilities.

The pilot area hosts the Naga-Tayabas 500kV and the Gumaca-Kalayaan 230kV transmission lines which provide crucial transport capability to the heavily clustered power plants located in the Southern Luzon sub-grid.

Dr. Ortiz added that by sharing the responsibility of transmitting power with the host barangays, TransCo hopes to significantly bring down the possibility of major power outages especially in the already congested South.

TransCo will implement the pilot program for six months; after which it will be evaluated for possible nationwide implementation.

Fertilizer procurement

NATIONAL FOOD Authority Administrator Arthur C. Yap today clarified that the NFA did not commit any irregularities in the alleged anomalous procurement of P432 million worth of fertilizers as reported in some newspapers.

"We saw to it that the transactions complied with the provisions of RA 9184 or the Modernization and Standardization of Procurement Activities of the Government. We actually bidded the procurement on the basis of the DA's list of accredited fertilizer suppliers. DA-NFA were sustained in its conduct by the fact that the average price of urea fertilizer procured was P469/bag when the commercial price was over P500/bag," Yap said.

He said the negotiated procurement was "above-board." It was handled by the NFA's respective regional Bids and Awards Committees (BACs) in the presence of representatives from the DA, the Fertilizer and Pesticides Authority (FPA), the Regional Advisory Farmers Council (RAFC) and the Commission on Audit (COA).

Yap said some of the procured fertilizers are still being distributed to farmers participating in the DA's hybrid rice program.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION
(As of September 19, 2003)

		AMOUNT
ASSETS		
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	P	163,964,833
Due from Other Banks		918,797,544
Interbank Loans Receivable		507,959.600
Trading Account Securities – net		1,616,275,185
Investments In Bonds and Other Debt Instruments – net		338,126,626
Loans, Discounts & Advances – net		1,421,892,308
Equity Investments		5,500,100
Bank Premises, Furniture Fixtures & Equipment – net		24,505,032
Real and Other Properties Owned/Acquired		17,176,250
Other Assets		51,184,928
TOTAL ASSETS	P	5,065,382,406
LIABILITIES		
Demand Deposits	P	202,635,795
Time Deposits		1,349,115,296
Due to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas		801,535
Outstanding Checks/Payment Orders		2,765,319
Bills Payable		607,338,082
Other Liabilities		310,627,896
TOTAL LIABILITIES	P	2,473,283,923
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
Capital Stock	P	1,850,000,000
Capital Stock Deposit		315,000,000
Surplus		424,116,615
Other Capital Accounts		2,981,868
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	P	2,592,098,483
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	P	5,065,382,406
CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS		
Spot/Future Exchange Bought	P	3,434,133,638
Spot/Future Exchange Sold		3,647,611,472
Items Held for Safekeeping/Collaterals		5,166,440,974
Items Held in Trust		.124,662,062
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS	P	12,372,848,146

OTHER INFORMATION*
Compliance with Magna Carta Law:

Prescribed Ratio of Compliance	6% for Small Enterprises	2% for Medium Enterprises
Actual Compliance	6.20%	3.32%

Amount of Non-Performing Loans	P	-
Ratio of Non-Performing Loans to Total Loan Portfolio		0.0%
Amount of Classified Loans and Other Risk Assets	P	-
General provision for loan losses	P	14,361,816
Specific provision for loan losses	P	-
Return on Equity (ROE) (2.99% before extraordinary charges)		-1.84%**
Amount of DOSRI loans/advances	P	20,335,675
Ratio of DOSRI loans/advances to total loan portfolio		.72%
Amount of Past Due DOSRI loans/advances	P	-
Ratio of past due DOSRI loans/adv to total loan portfolio		-

* Amended to conform with Circular No. 208 dated August 17, 1999 and Memorandum to all Banks dated November 29, 1999.
** Based on annualized net income adjusted for extraordinary charges.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF MAKATI)S.S

We, **Josefina N. Tan** and **Agnes B. Santos** of the above-mentioned bank do solemnly swear that all matters set forth in the above statement of condition are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

(Sgd.) AGNES B. SANTOS
Financial Controller

(Sgd.) JOSEFINA N. TAN
Acting President

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 8th day of October 2003 affiants exhibiting to me their Residence Certificate No. 19345729, issued at Mandaluyong City on February 28, 2003 and Resident Certificate No. 21207612 issued at Pasig City on February 18, 2003, respectively.

(Sgd) Oscar T. Zaldivar
Notary Public
Until December 31, 2004
PTR No. 7631735
Date Issued : January 14, 2003
Makati City
TIN 121-493-459

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BCDA eyes sale of stake in Bonifacio joint venture

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BASES Conversion Development Authority said it was considering selling part of its 45-percent equity holdings in Fort Bonifacio Development Corp. to help finance the modernization of the military.

According to BCDA president and chief executive Rufo Colayco, the agency would study the appropriate value of the shares as well as the best time to dispose of them. He said, however, that the BCDA was looking at disposing the shares at the earliest possible time because of the urgency of the need to modernize the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Colayco said the BCDA was looking at selling an initial 25 percent of its 45-percent share in FBDC. He said the BCDA was planning to keep the remaining 20 percent for at least two years to take advantage of the possible increase in its value.

Aside from the BCDA, Bonifacio Land Corp. is another shareholder of FBDC with a 55-percent stake. A consortium between Ayala Land Inc. and Evergreen Holdings Inc. in turn owns majority—or 50.4 percent—of BLC, while Metro Pacific Corp. owns about 20 percent.

The BCDA earlier announced that it was looking for a financial adviser that would assist it in the selling of its shares in FBDC. The government corporation is looking at completing the sale of its shares by next year.

Colayco said the BCDA was mandated by law to devote 35 percent of its earnings for the modernization of the AFP and to retain 27 percent for development projects in the Central Luzon area. The remaining part of its earnings is donated to various beneficiaries, such as local government units.

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Plusses and minuses of selling stateside food

By Dennis M. Arroyo
Contributor

DURING a demonstration in front of the US Embassy, a Filipino held up a most unusual placard. It said, "Yankee go home! And take me with you!"

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How's the market here for American food? The following piece looks into the advantages and disadvantages of selling these Western imports.

One asset is the legacy of culture. Filipinos associate Western goods with quality and product consistency. They show a lasting affinity for American products. Middle class and rich Filipinos are familiar with most American brands. In all Asia, the Philippines stands out for having a relatively Westernized consumer lifestyle. Despite the strains of history and politics, Filipinos have forged close emotional ties with the United States.

Common language and standards

Then there is the matter of standards. Because of the widespread use of English, Filipinos accept the usual American labels. No need for translations or new packaging. Food standards and regulations here also copy those of the US Food and Drug Administration.

Trade liberalization matters as well. The government has said it will try to cut tariffs to a uniform 5 percent by Jan. 1, 2004. The Fidel Ramos Administration went into tariff reform in 1994 to push industries here to become globally competitive. Despite liberalized imports in most food types, high barriers remain in poultry, pork, vegetables, and coffee.

It is not clear if the current administration will meet its deadlines or liberalize more food products. As it is, products from Asean countries get lower preferential tariffs. Products from the United States thus suffer when prices are compared.

Liberalized retail

Congress has passed a law liberalizing retail trade in the Philip-

PLUSSES/ B2-7

Giving freebies to sell more may lower sales in the end

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE EARLY years of the 1990s saw an economic boom unlike any the world has seen before.

Products were flying off the shelves as manufacturing and service companies across the globe, including the Philippines, struggled to meet the surge in consumer demand.

Then the 1997 Asian crisis came, quickly followed by a slew of other economic challenges such as the Internet bust that ground the world economy to a halt.

Suddenly, demand vanished and companies saw the reverse of what happened in the early 1990s.

Demand was weak because of the diminished purchasing power. And for the consumers who did have some money to spend, they wanted the best value for their money.

John A. Caslione, president and CEO of international marketing and sales firm Andrew-Ward International Inc., said these factors ultimately led to the development of a "global discount-driven marketplace," where companies try to lure customers by offering the lowest price for their product or service.

Caslione told the INQUIRER the compelling issue for companies these days is cost—the never-ending search for ways and means to bring down their expenses, so that they could afford to sell their products at a lower price compared to the competitor.

Caslione was recently in the Philippines as part of his 21-city/four-continent world tour where he shared his insights into how to successfully compete in the new marketplace.

"We are now experiencing—for the first time in the history of business—a time when companies are finding themselves forced to discount their prices very quickly and very deeply, and do so around the world," he said.

Caslione argued it was dangerous for companies to adopt a discount strategy alone to keep their hold on the market, as this would further squeeze their already thin margins.

This means that there might come a time when they would no longer be able to sustain their price war and consequently die out, thus, missing out on the opportunity to ride on the wave of the next economic boom.

"Too many companies just keep piling on more and more free services and other tangible benefits for their customers with the hope that the customers will recognize the increased value that the supplier brings and to gain more customer loyalty," he said.

"The sad fact is that it doesn't work—it just adds on more operating costs to the supplier's business and drives down the supplier's profitability even more. Couple this with price discounting and you can see why so many companies are suffering now in the new global discount-driven marketplace," he added.

Caslione said that one effective way to compete in a discount-driven marketplace is to build or strengthen brands.

Chances are, a consumer would purchase a branded product over another that he is not familiar with, even if the branded product costs a little bit more.

He said most companies, particularly Asian firms, forgot all about the power of branding during the economic boom of the 1990s.

CASLIONE

At that time, more emphasis was placed on manufacturing and finance—little and even none on marketing and branding.

"During these easy and prosperous times, most businesses became a bit lazy and complacent with some of the very fundamentals in marketing and selling their products and services that fueled their success," Caslione said.

He stressed that companies could no longer rely on their product alone to keep customer loyal because globalization has made it more and more difficult to differentiate one product from another.

"This is why companies must look beyond the product or service that they are selling and begin to engage in true value-added strategies to create a sustainable strategic competitive advantage to sell the company's full product and service portfolio, and do so at a premium price," he said.

He added that companies should be ready to reinvent themselves to compete in a marketplace that is governed by a new set of rules.

Even giant Microsoft Corp. transformed itself into a leader and innovator in e-business and developed new strategies, even if it was already the undisputed leader and the world's biggest operating and applications software company.

Caslione said the problem of coping with the demands of the new marketplace is most severe in Asia, particularly China, which does not have a long history of providing value beyond the basic product.

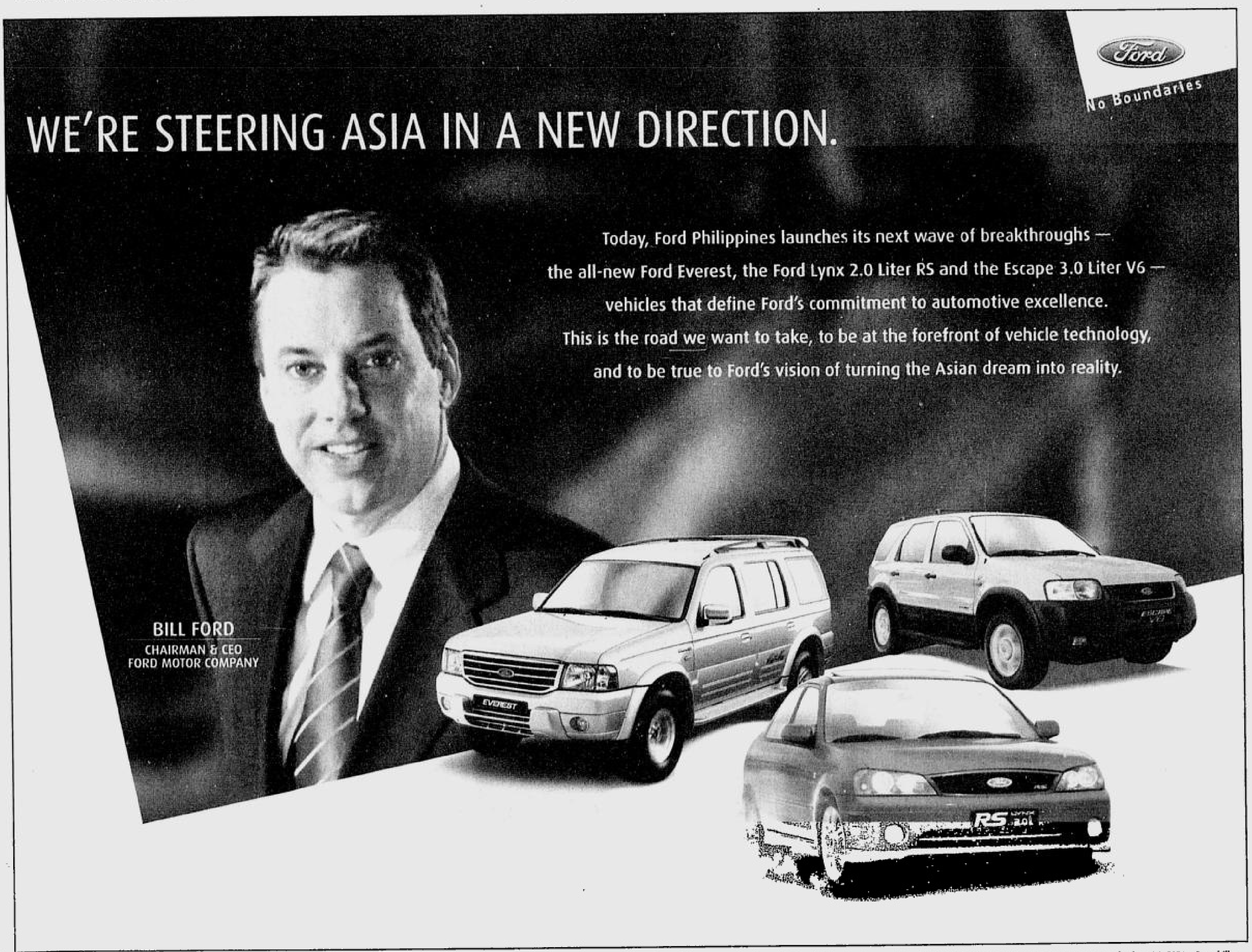
"Many in Asia still do not understand the value in building a powerful brand. With a powerful brand, a company can begin to minimize the need to engage in aggressive—or any—price discounting," he said.

This is one reason why powerful brands such as Louis Vuitton can command such a high price for its products and retain customer loyalty, even if there are companies selling similar products at a fraction of the cost.

"If you have no established brand equity or brand power, then the relationship defaults to the product itself, a product that has been commoditized and looks and acts like your competitors' products. The remaining differentiator is, again by default, price," Caslione said.

And if it is price alone, then expect the customer to leave you the minute another company comes in with a similar product at a lower cost.

"This makes developing a sustainable advantage for most companies almost impossible. Regrettably, that's the position that the vast majority of companies are in today," he said.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66 digital cameras to new Citibank cardholders

CITIBANK recently concluded its Sizzling 3-in-1 Summer promo with thousands of new cardholders-66 of whom will be receiving brand new Kodak CX4210 digital cameras.

These lucky Citibank cardholders hail from all over the country-from as far north as Baguio, Pampanga and Bulacan to down south in Cebu City and Lapu-Lapu City. Their names were drawn in the raffle from the roster of new cardholders, all of whom were entitled to waived first year annual fees (savings of as much as P2,500) and a Citibank summer duffel bag (great for beach outings with family and friends.)

"Having attracted so many new cardholders, the Sizzling 3-in-1 Summer offer is by far one of the most successful promotions we've conducted," says Bea Teh-Tan, Citibank vice president. "We are also heartened by feedback that our new customers are learning to appreciate the advantages of having a Citibank credit card, not only in terms of its local perks but also its unique features and global acceptability."

The prize of a Kodak CX4210 is truly a welcome gift for those who value great picture quality and simple functionality in their digital cameras. Its 2.0 mega pixels produce print sizes as big as 8"x10". It also features the Premium Kodak Retinar all-glass lens with 2x digital zoom, a 16-megabyte internal memory and an expandable memory card slot.

The 66 lucky Citibank cardholders are now capturing many precious moments with their exciting new gadget-as well as enjoying high credit lines, widest acceptance, and many other benefits of having a Citibank credit card.

Find out about Citibank credit cards' latest promos by calling the 24-hour CitiPhone at 995-9999 or logging on to www.citibank.com.ph.

AMA EXPANDS TO INDONESIA

AMA Education System (Amaes), further realizing its vision and mission towards prevailing to be the leader and dominant provider of quality and internationally recognized IT-based education not only in the Philippines but worldwide, is putting up an education institution in Indonesia through a partnership with Perkasa Internasional, holding company of the Perkasa Group of Indonesia. The establishment of the AMA International University Indonesia will carry a global mission of providing a quality and relevant IT-based education in all levels and disciplines. Shown during the MOA signing are (from left) Consul General Rene Martinez of the Philippine Embassy in Indonesia, Antonio R. Jao, president and director of PT Jaka Saktibuana International, John Hamenda, chair, Perkasa Internasional, Dr. Amable R. Aguiluz V, chair, Amaes, Ernesto Rioveros, EVP Amaes and Bernie Ivans Salay, VP for business development, Amaes. AMA hopes to contribute to the development of Indonesia at the same time heading towards achieving the corporate targets of both parties.

Acceptance of Standard Chartered

SCB SIGNS RCBC SAVINGS BANK FOR OTC PAYMENTS

Standard Chartered Bank, the longest-established foreign bank in the Philippines and celebrating its 150th year globally, recently signed RCBC Savings Bank to receive over-the-counter credit card payments from Standard Chartered customers. SCB credit card holders now enjoy the convenience of paying at any of RCBC Savings Bank's 110 branches nationwide, with five years of experience in handling OTC payment collections. Another added service is the same-day posting of cash payments in RCBC branches, the first amongst all existing SCB OTC collecting bank partners. Shown at the signing are (seated, from left) Al Jan Yap, RCBC AVP IMD head, Chit Razal, RCBC VP, region head, Sridhar Raman, SCB chief financial officer, Mikal Rallonza, SCB reconciliation manager. Standing, from left, are Elaine Omandam, RCBC operations user support, Dianette Dionisio, RCBC methods, Cynthia Agbulos, RCBC business center manager, and Niko Lim, SCB product manager.

PwC admits new partner

JOAQUIN Cunanan & Co/PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Philippines today announced the admission July 1 of Geraldine Hammond-Apostol to the Philippine firm. This admission brings PwC's partnership in the Philippines to 26 men and women. Elsewhere in the world, some 215 other new partners were admitted, bringing the number of partners globally to approximately 8,000.

Hammond-Apostol belongs to the assurance and business advisory services (Abas) service line. She joins other newly admitted partners worldwide, who represent all service lines and functions, including 175 to Abas, 84 to tax and legal services (TLS), 23 to corporate finance and recovery services (CFR), five to internal firm services (IFS) and one to global human resources services (GHRS). New partner admissions were largest in the United States, followed by the United Kingdom, Germany, Canada, the Netherlands and Australia.

A CPA, Hammond-Apostol will help strengthen the customer and industry products and services group, particularly the energy industry practice of the firm. She obtained her bachelor's degree in Commerce, major in Accounting from the University of Santo Tomas. She joined the firm's audit department in 1989 as staff accountant and was promoted manager in 1994. Hammond-Apostol worked with legacy Price Waterhouse-Singapore from 1994 to 1998. Thereafter, she rejoined the firm as senior manager.

She has extensive years of financial audit and business advisory experience, which includes financial, operational, valuation and control reviews in business acquisitions and organizational restructuring and initial public offerings. She has rendered services in auditing, design of internal control system, business operations review as well as management of audit jobs and special engagements of companies in various industries. These include energy, manufacturing, distribution, transportation, hospitality and leisure, retail, real estate, consumer products, non-stock non-profit organizations and other industries.

"We are proud to welcome to the organization a new class of partners with a commitment to quality and integrity to meet the needs of our clients around the world," said Samuel A. DiPiazza Jr, global CEO of PwC. In congratulating Hammond-Apostol, PwC chair and senior partner Jerry Isla said, "She possesses the skills, intelligence and breadth of experience to help move our firm forward and to achieve our strategic goals."

DOVE, MERCURY DRUG TEAM-UP

Dove's exciting new consumer promo called Dove Discovery was recently launched with Mercury Drug's close to 500 stores nationwide as official partner. The Dove Discovery is a search for real women with real stories to tell: a personal experience with Dove that resulted in a feeling or a change in the way they looked at themselves. A prize of P120,000 in cash, a year's supply of Dove products and a chance to appear in Dove's TV commercial will be awarded to two winners. Women aged 18 and above can submit their entries at any Mercury Drugstore or sent to Dove Discovery, Unilever Philippines, 1351 United Nations Avenue, Metro Manila. Sealing the partnership with a warm handshake are Eya Pagdanganan-Sicat (left) of Unilever and Cora Lim of Mercury Drug.

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So now, you've got the power to lift off and join this Grand Beauty Getaway and come back with young, rejuvenated skin you've always wanted all in one trip.

MEGAWORLD SUPPORTS SCHOOL FOR DEAF

Property giant Megaworld Corp, through its corporate-giving arm Megaworld Foundation, recently made a cash donation to the Maria Lena Buhay Memorial Foundation (MLBMF), the country's first oral school for the deaf. A pioneer in speech development and auditory-language training for hearing impaired children, MLBMF enrolls 70 students from pre-school to high school mainly through scholarships funded by corporate donors such as Megaworld. Shown is Megaworld senior treasurer Marissa Justo (right) handing the donation to MLBMF executive director Leticia Nietes-Buhay. The Megaworld Foundation supports charitable causes that benefit the handicapped, women and children in addition to providing college scholarship grants.

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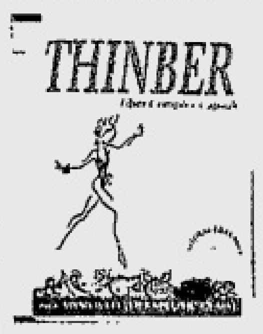
New fiber complex supplement



NOW AVAILABLE in the market is an all-natural fiber complex capsule, Thinber, manufactured by Dapha Biotechnology of Taiwan and exclusively distributed in the Philippines by New Smart Formulae Trading Corp. Thinber's active ingredients are oat and fruit fibers (210 mg), glucomannosan (180 mg), gelatin (95 mg), red clover powder (30 mg), apple vinegar powder (30 mg), yeast chromium (10 mg), and magnesium stereate (5 mg). For best results in weight management, one capsule of Thinber should be taken thrice daily, 30 minutes before breakfast, lunch and dinner. Thinber is conveniently packed in 6-capsule sachets and reasonably priced at P50/sachet. It is available in Watson's and leading drugstores in key cities nationwide.

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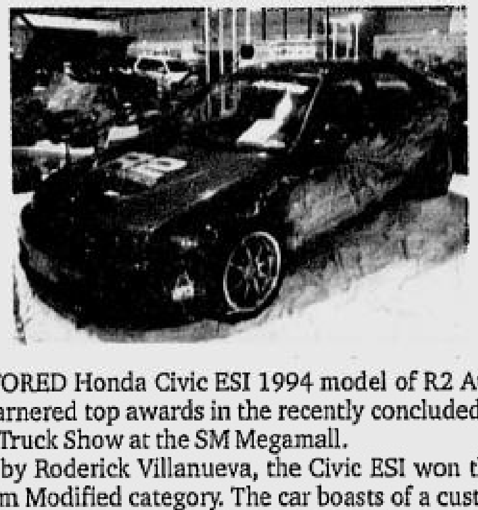
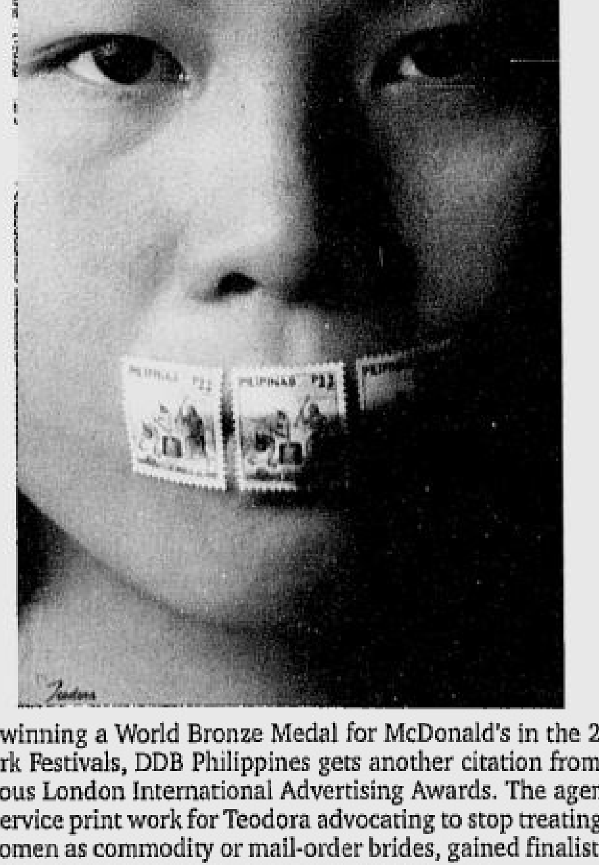


THE RESTORED Honda Civic ESI 1994 model of R2 Auto Centrum recently garnered top awards in the recently concluded Custom Car and Sport Truck Show at the SM Megamall.

Owned by Roderick Villanueva, the Civic ESI won third place in the Medium Modified category. The car boasts of a customized interior, 17-inch Concept One wheels, custom airbrush artwork by Arts Asia, PPG body paint plus a Custom Body Kit by A-Toy Paint and Body Kits. R2 Auto Centrum is a certified dealer of A-Toy Paint and Body Kits, and offers automotive restoration, oven-baked paint jobs as well as body kits for all car brands. It is located along Km. 16, West Service Road, South Superhighway, in between the Sucat and Bicutan exits. For inquiries, you may call 824-6480.

DDB finalist in 2003 London Int'l ad awards



AFTER winning a World Bronze Medal for McDonald's in the 2003 New York Festivals, DDB Philippines gets another citation from the prestigious London International Advertising Awards. The agency's public service print work for Teodora advocating to stop treating Filipino women as commodity or mail-order brides, gained finalist status among thousands of entries from around the globe.

The winner will be announced on Nov. 10 in London. DDB Philippines was also a finalist in the same award-giving body last year. The ad was created by Roger Pe, executive creative director and copywriter, Manny de Paz, art director, Noah Valdez, Visualizer, and Armi Fabregas, print producer.

Bits & Clips

Siena HS '74 reunion

THE HIGH School Department of Siena College is calling all graduates of High School Batch 1974 to attend a grand reunion to be held on Jan. 10, 2004 at the school auditorium. For further details and inquiries, call Milen Sison-de Quiros/Ruth Sarmiento at 812-5485/812-5489 or e-mail info@fullcircle.com.ph.

Wow! Rockwell Sale!

IT'S SHOP till you drop at the Power Plant Mall Wow! Rockwell Sale! From Oct. 15 to 19, the Power Plant Mall at Rockwell, in support of the Department of Tourism WOW! Philippines Shopping Fiesta 2003, opens its doors to shoppers with up to 70 percent off on favorite brands-Marlboro Classics, Traffic, Make Room, La Pagayo, Bally, CK Underwear, DKNY, Kenneth Cole, Bass, Tyler, Quiksilver, Orange Juice, Wink, Marithe & Francois Girbaud, Sari-Sari, Diesel, Salvatore Ferragamo, and Anne Klein New York. Catch Home and Beyond's "Isle of the Philippines Handicrafts Fair" from Oct. 15 to 24 at the North Court of the Power Plant Mall. The exhibit showcases finely crafted furniture by the best carvers and woodcraft experts nationwide. And from Oct. 15 to 19, an exquisite jewelry exhibit will be organized by world-renowned Vicenza Group.

Make a wish with EQ Diapers

WISHES do come true. Parents hoping to secure their child's future can no have their wish granted by EQ Diapers in a tie-up with Philam Plans. The Wish Upon EQ raffle promo is ongoing nationwide until Dec. 6. To join, simply send empty wrappers of EQ Regular or EQ Dry Diapers together with the required information. Each entry should be enclosed with any of the following: one EQ Big pack or one EQ Budget Pack or two EQ Mini packs or four EQ Single packs or one 1 EQ Dry Jumbo or one EQ Dry Econo pack or one EQ Dry Travel pack or two EQ Dry Mini packs. Apart from two monthly draws, which will give away P50,000 each, Philam Plans 4-year College Gold Education Plans worth P800,000 await lucky winners in the grand draw. Visit www.evei.com.ph for details.

Neo-Zarzuela at CCP

THE NATIONAL Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), in cooperation with Colegio del Sagrado Corazon de Jesus, presents "Juanita Cruz" this Friday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater of the Cultural Center of the Philippines. "Juanita Cruz," a full-length Hiligaynon Neo-Zarzuela set in 1868, was written by Magdalena Jalandoni, the grand dame of Hiligaynon literaure, who holds the distinction of being the first Filipino to publish her novel. It is a unique fusion of film and theater. Adapting the novel into a Neo-Zarzuela is award-winning Hiligaynon writer Alice Tan-Gonzales. For ticket information, call Yvette C. Ledesma, president of the National Alumni Association of the Daughters of Charity Schools (SLMES), the sponsor of the play, at 776-1126 and 0919-6764122.

Living it up at the Bonifacio Ridge

THERE are many rewards in life that should befit hardworking individuals and their families. The best one is having a happy homestead at an ideal location such as the Bonifacio Ridge.

Bonifacio Ridge is a residential condominium that is being developed by two powerhouses in the real estate industry, Ayala Land, Inc. (ALI) and Campos-owned Evergreen Holdings, Inc. Following the purchase of the controlling stake of the Ayala-Campos Group in the Fort Bonifacio Development Corporation (FBDC), the two companies are jump starting a series of projects within the next five years in developing Bonifacio Global City, including Bonifacio Ridge, which is set for turnover by 4th quarter 2004.

With these two real estate industry experts behind the project, Bonifacio Ridge is a sure thing. Rest assured that all amenities and features of the twin-tower condominium exude the taste and expectations of would-be-residents.

Convenience is also a well thought of characteristic in this residential haven. Joining the two 18-floor towers, Cypress Point and Spanish Bay is a podium, where residents can relax and enjoy the landscaped scenery. For health buffs, the podium is big enough for residents to do their workouts or early morning swim in the building's 20-meter lap pool. And because of the condominium's proximity to the 18-hole Manila Golf Course and various sports and recreational facilities inside the Bonifacio Global City, residents will enjoy living the healthy and active lifestyle.

Positioned as the country's residential, business and cultural hub, the Bonifacio Global City will be bustling with nightlife and entertainment and all these advantages will be savored to the fullest by its residents.

Stepping outside the building is literally a walk in the park for residents and their families as they walk along shaded sidewalks and sculpted greens en route to the commercial and business districts within the Global City. Large crescent gardens, cradling plazas and gurgling fountains will flourish in the Global City's wide-open spaces. The neighborhood park and botanical gardens will showcase the country's flora as well as provide a pleasing setting to showcase the Filipino's ingenuity in the realm of art.

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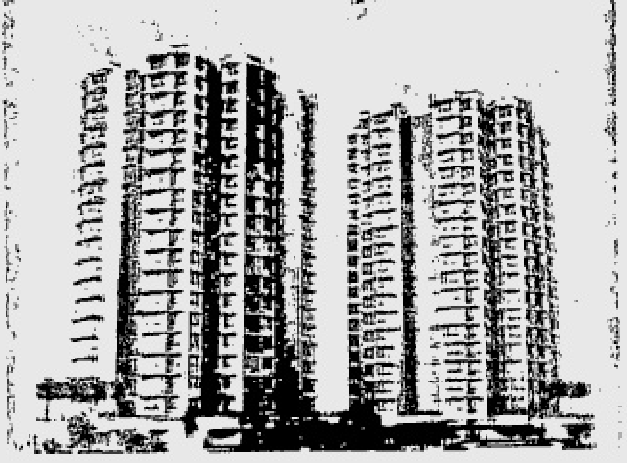
SOLD
Deliver to Unit 2-2, Bonifacio Ridge before Christmas of 2004.

Relax, it's a sure thing

There are only a few things left you can count on. This is one of them. The Bonifacio Ridge is the first residential condominium managed and marketed by Ayala Land Inc. to rise in the new Bonifacio Global City. Now you can simply sit back until it is completed and enjoy the quality and maintenance that you always expect from any Ayala-managed property. So relax, and before you know it, you'll be watching the great views of the Manila Golf Club from your living room window. Now that's something you can count on.



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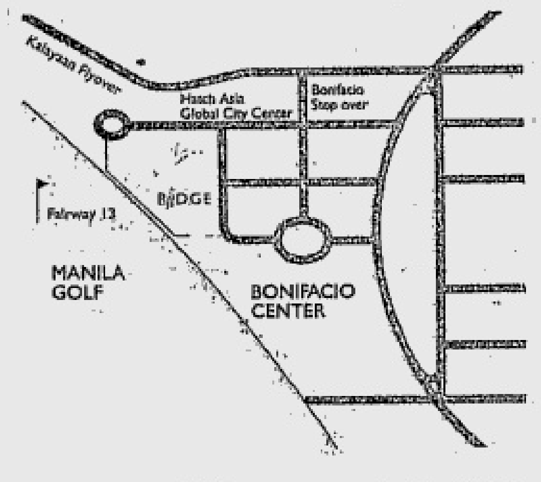

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Hard hat night celebrates near completion of Bonifacio Ridge

IF YOU had a dream home, how would it look like and where would it be? Well, more than 400 guests donned hard hats and headed to the Bonifacio Global City to find out what an ideal home is made of when Ayala Land Inc (ALI) and the Campos-owned Evergreen Holdings Inc (EHI) held a Hard Hat Party at the ground-level parking of the soon-to-be-finished Bonifacio Ridge residential condominium, located at the Bonifacio Global City (BGC).

The rainy weather did not dampen the spirits of the guests as soon as they entered the parking area of their would-be homes. Apart from the rich flowers and foliage that adorned the area, the guests were greeted to the *bossa nova* and Latin *samba* sound of local band sensation, Guarana.

After a heart-stopping musical number, Fort Bonifacio Development Corporation (FBDC) head of commercial operations Bobby Dy, gave meaningful insights about the Bonifacio Global City and their vision to make this unique property a "modern and fully master-planned metropolis", a city within a city that is comparable to its international counterparts. Located just minutes away from the Makati central business district, the Bonifacio Global City is a fusion of aesthetic values, modern architecture, lush green surroundings, gastronomic delights, homey atmosphere and commercial gateways.

Angela Lacson, Ayala Land senior vice president and head of the residential Buildings Group later shared the philosophy behind the development of the Bonifacio Ridge, the last ingredient that makes the Global City truly a residential haven. "Everything that Bonifacio Ridge residents need is within their Bonifacio Global City community: a retail shopping hub, a sports center, golf clubs, convention halls, learning institutions and hospitals, among others." This is the same philosophy behind Bonifacio Ridge: everything one needs and wants in a home is provider for—from comfort and style, to functionality and practicality, to nature and technology.

Ayala Land sales representatives took the guests upstairs to view the 113-square-meter, 2-bedroom suites. Nikki Magcase, the condominium's interior designer and famed architect Rogelio Villarosa gladly toured the guests in the model units. The view from the suites offered guests astonishing and breathtaking views of the twinkling lights of nearby Makati and Ortigas skylines as the soft tone lights equally brought out the striking interiors of the suites.

After viewing the units, guests were treated to more of Guarana's Latin beats and an overflowing array of gastronomic delights. For the evening's guests, the night was a true celebration of a bright and happy forecast: that of spending Christmas in 2004 enjoying their new homes as residents of Bonifacio Ridge.

FBDC CFO Carlos Nova, Ayala Land executive vice president Vincent Tan, Ayala Land senior vice president Angela Lacson, Greenfield Development Corp. executive officer Jeffrey Campos, Ayala Land senior vice president Tristan de la Rosa and FBDC head of Commercial Operations Bobby Dy join hands as a commitment to fulfill the promise of Bonifacio Ridge.

A SCALE model of the project provided guests with a glimpse of the completed development

GUESTS were toured around the model unit by Ayala Land sales representatives.

FBDC head of Commercial Operations Bobby Dy

AYALA Land senior vice president Angela Lacson

NIKKI Magcase's design intent: A contemporary, sleek and efficient maximization of the floor area.

Living it up at the Bonifacio Ridge

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The Bonifacio Global City exhibits masterpieces by Filipino artists such as "Ang Supremo" by Ben-Hur Villanueva, "Trees" by Reynato Paz Contreras, "Kasaysayan Bawat Oras" by Juan Sajid and "Transformation", a huge glass sculpture, by Lor Calma.

Envisioned as the most modern and fully master-planned business district of the country, the Bonifacio Global City will host a new international business quarters, a 12-hectare residential complex and a new 24-hectare mixed-use retail and sports recreational district. With these developments, the City is considered as the Philippine's business center most suited to meet the needs of the global economy.

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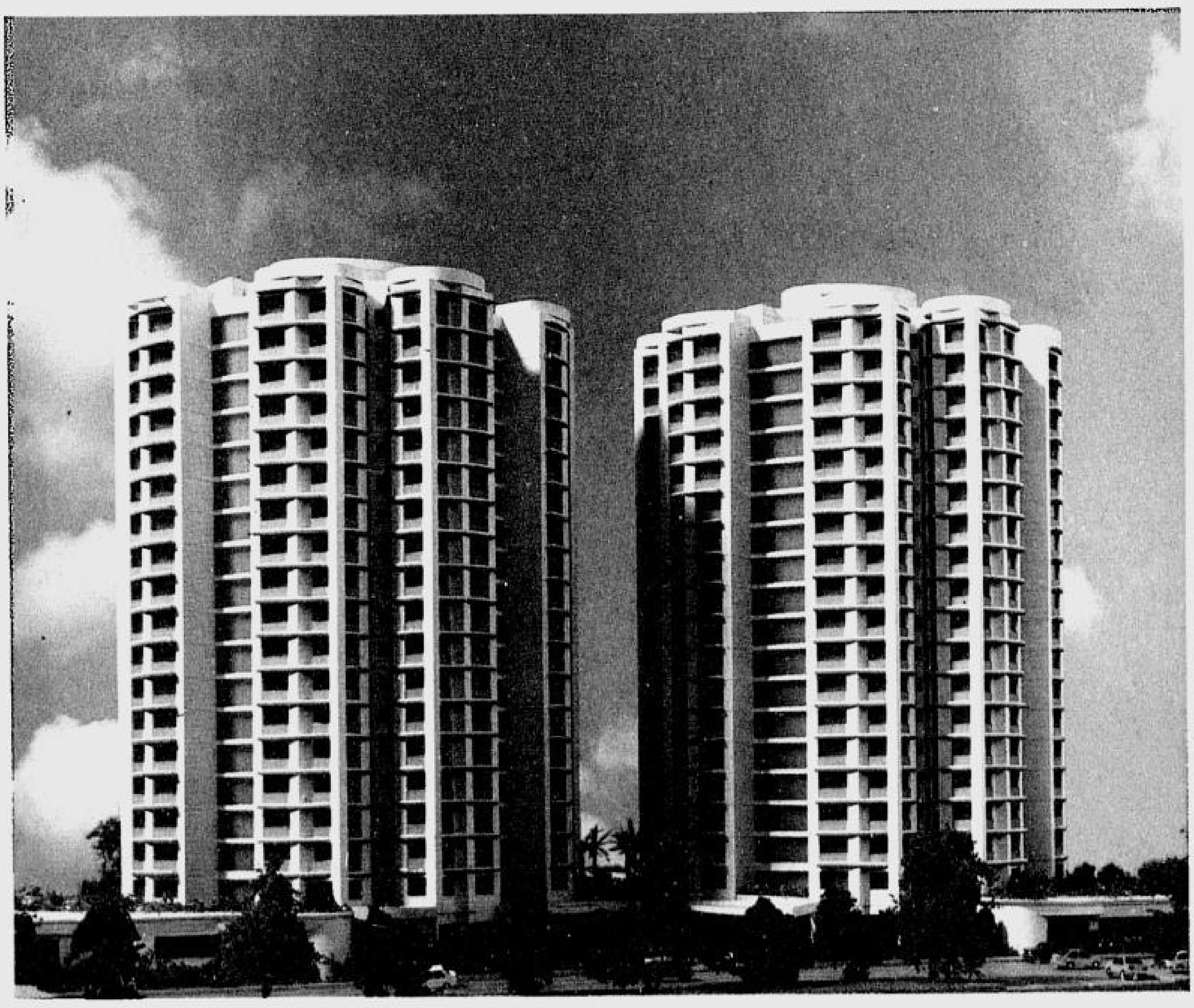
Nearby is the University Park, a 25-hectare site, where world-class educational, medical and cultural instructions will be located. Currently, several learning institutions such as the International School Manila, the Japanese and British international schools have already relocated to the site. Bonifacio Global City will also host state-of-the-art medical facilities with the development of the 500-bed St. Luke's Hospital, where the country's best physicians will soon be providing their services.

Shopping will be a hassle-free experience for Bonifacio Ridge residents since PriceSmart, MC Home Depot, Bonifacio Stopover, The Fort and a 5-story high super regional shopping hub called Market! Market!, are just a stone's throw away. In addition to these, the Global City is connected to other parts of the metropolis through five main access roads and via a modern fleet of buses, transporting people in and out of the City.

With the advanced telecommunications network systems, supported by fiber optic technology, of the Bonifacio Global City, business locators and residents are assured of the highest levels of connectivity.

With these numerous advantages, living up at the Bonifacio Ridge is truly a lifestyle that everybody can look forward to. Life could never have been better than this.



Design for successful living

NIKKI Magcase: 'We wanted the occupants to feel comfortable and relaxed after a hard day at the office'.

IN his book, "Where the Blue Begins", Christopher Morley writes, "There is only one success—to be able to spend your life in your own way." This paints a clear picture of what life should be like for the ambitious few who know what they want and know where to get it, specifically when it comes to finding a home that represents success in the same context as they do. This home can be found at the Bonifacio Ridge.

Located at the heart of the Bonifacio Global City, Bonifacio Ridge is a beautifully crafted two-tower residential condominium surrounded by all the necessary conveniences in life. The two stylishly designed 18-story towers house 144 plush apartments each. Upon its completion by the 4th quarter of 2004, the Bonifacio Ridge will serve as a haven for homeowners with distinctive taste and a clear idea of what an ideal home should be.

One important aspect of the Bonifacio Ridge's appeal is its stylish and comfortable living spaces, which boasts of a seamless blend of modern and traditional elements. Each Bonifacio Ridge unit flawlessly combines oriental features with occidental touches. Metal mixes perfectly with concrete and wood, and the classical intersperses with the avant-garde. The world class finishings and features of each residential unit is complemented by the eclectic interior design of Nikki Magcase.

Nikki Magcase's more than two-decade career as one of the country's leading interior designers has led him to design the homes of top business leaders, political figures and celebrities. He is also the leading visionary behind the Bonifacio Ridge's model unit elegant and comfy interiors. His expertise has also made his company, WM-Magcase Design Company one of the most-sought after interior design houses in the country.

To achieve the look of Bonifacio Ridge it was important for the architectural and design teams to work together to evoke the feelings of success and accomplishment among its future occupants. Everything—from the Bonifacio Ridge's sleek neo-classical-inspired lobby to the 288 luxurious units—was designed with the best materials in mind. A good example would be the elegant lighting fixtures and the intricate design details found on the alcoves and panels of the hallways. Nothing says "success" more than rich textures and careful attention to every detail.

Comfort is tops

One of the trappings of success is comfort.

The comfort of its occupants was a priority for the Ayala Land - Evergreen Holdings Inc consortium, the two real estate giants responsible for developing the Bonifacio Ridge. "The ALI-EHI consortium wanted the occupants to look forward to going home. It was very important for them that the occupants feel comfortable and relaxed after a hard day at the office," said Magcase.

To create that calming effect, Magcase cites the use of wood as one of the key elements in the interior design, which gives the units a warm, calming feeling.

The use of wood is predominant in the unit's flooring which features a pleasant grain design that is warm to the touch. It is also very durable and easy to maintain. The wooden flooring lends an "organic" feel to the interiors that serves another purpose—that of giving its occupants the impression of living on level ground instead of a high-rise building.

Creating a sense of harmony and balance within the home was also one of the main design objectives for Bonifacio Ridge. By combining traditional and modern elements, Magcase helped create a home that is luxurious yet practical. This is evident in the astute use of space, soothing color palettes, and natural design elements within the unit.

A place to enjoy life's simplest pleasures

It's the perfect place to read a good book, watch TV, listen to music, or have a cup of coffee. The living room was designed to be an area where the simple pleasures in life can be enjoyed to its fullest.

The living room employs a uniquely creative space planning design, which provides ample room for important living room staples such as a coffee table, living room furniture, and a large armchair.

Adding Asian-inspired design touches such as a Japanese sliding door also helped blur the lines between the living spaces, giving occupants a more fluid access to each of the rooms.

The occupant's personality also plays a major role in Magcase's design of the living room. He believes that the living room should be a place where personal style and needs are reflected, especially now that living areas in other parts of the home are becoming more flexible and less defined.

Taking this into consideration, Magcase used muted colors in the interior's color scheme. This provides occupants with more flexibility in the use of personal touches such as home décor, furniture and the other knick-knacks.

"Muted, natural colors such as brown, beige and white give occupants more room to be creative and flexible in their choice of furnishing and decorations," says Magcase.

Only the best for the kitchen

Whether it's one person preparing a cup of coffee or the whole family pitching in on a gourmet meal, a kitchen should be able to meet the individual needs of the home and its owner.

The Bonifacio Ridge kitchen is a combination of durability and richness. This is immediately reflected in the quality fixtures and materials, installed throughout the kitchen. As a standard, all kitchens are equipped with maple wood cabinets that provide ample storage for groceries and various household appliances, while the Hansgrohe fittings ensure drip-free faucets for many years to come while achieving a sterile yet stylish feel to the kitchen.

All kitchens feature a centralized gas piping system. With the piped in gas line in place, occupants don't have to go through the hassles of ordering, hauling and storing cylinder gas tanks into their units, thus saving valuable time and space. Three layers of safety devices have also been built in the system, ensuring that no residual gas circulates within the room, thus securing residents from any gas related accidents.

Other standard features in all the Bonifacio Ridge kitchens are the built-in exhaust fan, the mixer type fittings for the kitchen sink faucet which allows single stroke mixing of hot and cold water and the built in piping for hot water. The moisture resistant counter top and easy to maintain tiles for the kitchen flooring are also among the more notable standardized features of the kitchen.

Romantic bedrooms

More than just an area for sleeping, bedrooms have now evolved into relaxing getaways from hectic workweek schedules. Magcase's bedroom designs offer exceptional levels of space, comfort and ease of use for its occupants.

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In creating a bedroom for a condominium unit, the main consideration was space, specifically for storage space. "It is typical in ordinary condominium units to have insufficient storage space but not for Bonifacio Ridge," Magcase says. "We remedied this situation by incorporating generous storage spaces in the design." All the bedrooms, for instance, come standard with a functional, built-in floor-to-ceiling mirror closet with a state of the art bi-fold mechanism, which allows for the full opening of the closet doors.

In terms of finishes, the light walls and natural tones also make the bedrooms simple yet elegant. "We wanted an approach that would give the occupants the liberty to create their own moods," Magcase says. "It's a good approach because you give the occupants the chance to inject personal touches into the bedrooms." The result is a combination of functionality, flexibility and comfort that lends itself perfectly to the occupant's personal mood and style.

The bedroom windows also complement the tranquil mood of the entire unit. The windows are specifically designed to allow light to profusely flow through the high and wide windows, offering panoramic views of the natural environment surrounding the condominium.

The bathroom: modern day sanctuary

For most homeowners, the bathroom is just a place to get clean. But for Magcase the bathroom is a modern day sanctuary to take away the stress of daily living.

As one of the most visited areas of the home, the bathroom should be able to withstand the rigors of regular use. Magcase proudly points out that the Ayala Land-Campos consortium made it a standard to install top-of-the line fixtures in each unit's three bathrooms.

Each master toilet and bath features the opulent yet durable finish of an Osio bathtub and Hansgrohe faucets that create a lush, spa-like ambiance that is further complimented by the tasteful Villeroy and Bosch lavatories and sinks. The bathrooms also feature plush bathroom tiles that complement the modern look of the fixtures.

The view from the top

Being 5 minutes away from the Makati Central Business District translate to more than just the comfort and convenience of having everything close by—it also commands the best views from the different areas of each of the Bonifacio Ridge's 18-floor towers.

The standard floor-to-ceiling windows give residents a panoramic view of the Manila Golf Course's fairways greens and the picturesque Makati and Ortigas skylines. Occupants can enjoy each sunrise overlooking the cityscape while enjoying the day's first cup of coffee or sunset overlooking sprawling greens and gardens while curled up on the sofa with loved ones.

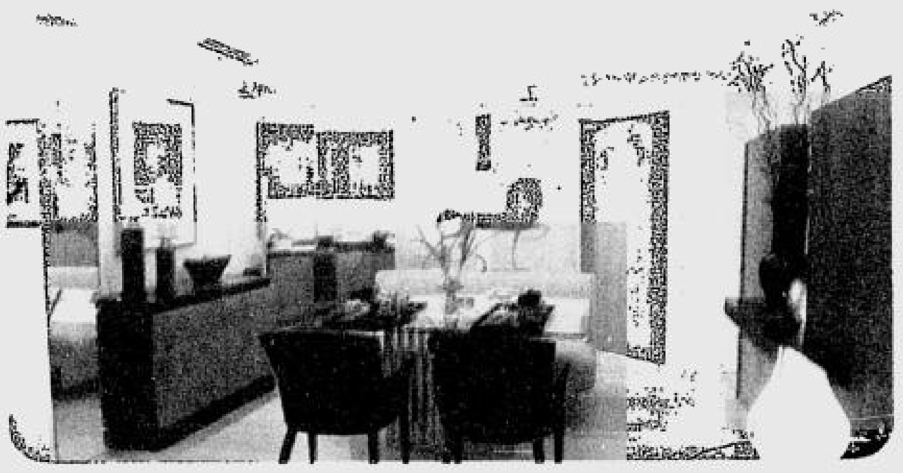
While the tinted windows offer a one of a kind view of the surroundings, they are also discreet enough to keep the occupants hidden from the prying eyes of passersby. As an added security feature, all the windows have a special multi-lock system, which allows for three-point locking with a single stroke.

The 'little' extras

Bonifacio Ridge also boasts of amenities that enrich family life such as the 20-meter lap pool and kiddie pools as well as in the toddler's play area with sand pit.

Each apartment has provisions for cable TV connections, telephone points, Internet access, making every unit a plug-and-play zone. The building's network provides high-speed delivery of data, audio and video services via an underground duct bank system that will answer the community's telecommunication needs over the next 25 years.

By mixing the practical and the luxurious, the modern and the classic, and the natural with the state-of-the-art, the Bonifacio Ridge provides occupants with the best of both worlds. With such facilities, the Bonifacio Ridge puts new meaning to the phrase "living life to its fullest." With all this at their doorstep, Bonifacio Ridge residents can revel in the knowledge that they have the best that life can offer.



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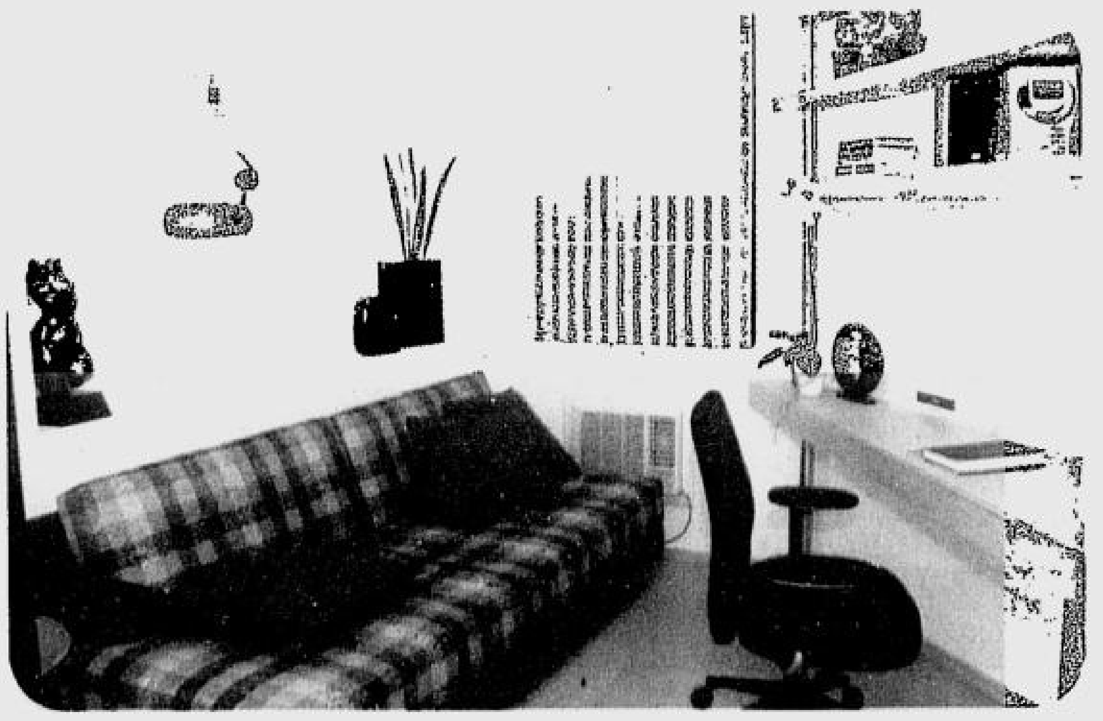

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Withholding tax on real property

By Eleanor L. Roque
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TAX-FILES

YOUR HARD work has paid off and finally, you rewarded yourself with that house and lot you have always wanted.

But excited as you are to sign on the dotted line, you might consider the impact of the recent BIR withholding tax regulations on your purchase.

The BIR issued Revenue Regulations No. 17-2003 last March, which listed down additional transactions subject to creditable withholding tax and re-established the policy that the capital gains tax on the sale of real property shall be collected as a final witholding tax.

The latter means that if you buy a house and lot, you must withhold the applicable income tax before handing over the payment to the seller.

Under the new rules, you, as the buyer, must withhold part of the purchase price as tax and remit it to the BIR. Without the remittance, the BIR will not issue the Tax Clearance Certificate (TCL) and the Certificate Authorizing Registration (CAR) to transfer the property in your name.

Before withholding, however, determine first if the house and lot you are buying is capital or an ordinary asset. The withholding tax is different for each case.

'Generally, if you are buying from a developer, the property is an ordinary asset. However, if you are buying your neighbor's house and lot, which she inherited from her mother, chances are, it is a capital asset.

Capital asset

Under the new regulations, buyers of a capital asset must withhold the 6 percent final capital gains tax. The tax is based on the agreed price or zonal value, whichever is higher. You must remit this tax within 30 days from the notarization of the transfer document to the collecting agent of the Revenue District Office (RDO) with jurisdiction over the property.

Sale on installment

Unless you inherited a large sum or won the lotto, the transaction will probably be on installment. While the transaction remains to be a sale of capital asset, the procedures on the sale of real property classified as ordinary asset shall apply with the exception that the tax withheld shall be a final tax and not a creditable withholding tax.

If you bought the house and lot from the persons living there and this house is considered their "principal residence," the transaction is exempt from the capital gains tax. Sellers, however, must use the entire proceeds of the sale in acquiring or constructing their new principal residence within 18 months from the sale or disposition.

Despite the exemption, the buyer must withhold and deduct the 6 percent capital gains tax from the agreed selling price. Then the buyer must deposit the amount in cash or manager's check in an interest-bearing bank account under an escrow agreement between the bank, the concerned RDO, the seller and the buyer.

The escrow agreement should state that the amount deposited, including interest, would only be released to the seller upon certification by the RDO that the seller used the proceeds of the sale to acquire or construct his or her new principal residence within 18 months from the date of the sale.

The date of sale is the date of notarization of the transfer document.

After you deposit the 6 percent capital gains tax, you and the seller must jointly file the Final Capital Gains Tax Return covering the property bought with no computed tax due. The Return must state that the buyer withheld the supposed tax due and maintained it in an escrow account. It shall bear the addresses of both the seller and the buyer.

The proceeds of the account will be used to satisfy future tax liabilities, if any, on the transaction.

The return must be filed within 30 days from the date of the sale or disposition of the principal residence, with the RDO having jurisdiction over the property.

After the 18-month period, the seller must submit documentary evidence showing that he used the proceeds of sale to acquire/construct a new principal residence. If the seller fails to submit evidence within 30 days from the end of the 18-month period, he shall be treated as deficient in the payment of his capital gains tax on the sale.

The BIR will assess the deficiency capital gains tax, inclusive of penalties and the 20 percent interest per annum computed from the 31st day after the date of sale.

In the issuance of assessments, the seller shall receive all the required notices following existing procedures. When the deficiency tax assessment has become final and executory, the deposit in escrow, including interest, will be forfeited and applied against the deficiency capital gains tax liability. If the same is insufficient to cover the entire amount assessed, the seller remains liable for the remaining balance.

However, if there are excess funds in escrow, the Bank, upon written authorization from the BIR, shall return the excess to the seller.

Creditable withholding tax

If the property bought is considered an ordinary asset, its sale is subject to the creditable withholding tax at the following rates provided in Revenue Regulations 6-2001:

In installment sales, the rules depend on whether the buyer is engaged in trade or business. If the buyer is an individual not engaged in trade or business, the following rules shall apply in case of sale on installment basis:

(i) On installment sales (i.e., payments in the year of sale do not exceed 25 percent of the selling price), no withholding is required on the periodic installment payments. The buyer will withhold the applicable tax on the last installment or installments immediately prior to such last installment, if the last installment is not sufficient to cover the tax due.

The tax is based on the gross selling price or fair market value of the property at the time of the execution of the contract to sell, whichever is higher.

(ii) On a "cash basis" or "deferred-payment sale not on the installment plan" (that is, payments in the year o sale exceed 25 percent of the selling price), the buyer must withhold the tax on the first installment. The tax is based on the gross selling price or fair market value of the property, whichever is higher.

If the buyer is engaged in trade or business, whether a corporation or otherwise, these rules shall apply:

(i) On installment sale [i.e., payments in the year of sale do not exceed 25 percent of the selling price, the tax shall be deducted and withheld by the buyer from every installment. The tax shall be based on the ratio of actual collection of the payment against the agreed payment appearing in the Contract to Sell applied to the gross selling price or fair market value of the property at the time of the execution of the Contract to Sell, whichever is higher.

Interest earned, as an incident of installment payment, if any, shall be subject to the ordinary income tax rate.

(ii) On "cash basis" or "deferred-payment sale not on the installment plan" (that is, payments in the year of sale exceed 25 percent of the selling price), the buyer shall withhold the tax on the first installment. The tax shall be based on the gross selling price or fair market value of the property, whichever is higher.

Again, the BIR will not issue the Certificate Authorizing Registration (CAR)/Tax Clearance Certificate (TCL) to the buyer unless the withholding tax due on the sale, transfer, or exchange of real property has been fully paid.

For installment or deferred payment sales (where the Contract to Sell is always executed before the execution of the Deed of Sale,) attach the Contract to Sell to the Deed of Absolute Sale upon completion of the payments. Present the notarized original duplicate copy of both documents to the RDO having jurisdiction over the property for validation of the correctness of issuance of CAR/TCL.

However, for installment sales or deferred payment sales, the payment of the documentary stamp tax (DST) shall accrue upon the execution of the Deed of Absolute Sale. The basis for the DST shall be the gross selling price or fair market value of the property, whichever is higher, at the time of the execution of the Contract to Sell.

Assignment of property

If upon completion of the payments for the real property classified as ordinary asset, but before execution of the Deed of Sale, the buyer decides to assign his right over the property to another person, the assignment shall be considered a separate sale of real property.

Therefore, it shall be subject to the creditable/expanded withholding tax (EWT) or final withholding of capital gains tax, as the case may be. The assignee must withhold the tax based on the consideration per Deed of Assignment or the fair market value of such property at the time of assignment, whichever is higher.

The assignment is also subject to the DST imposed under Sec. 196 of the same Code using the same basis.

Finally, Revenue Regulations 17-03 provides that sale of interest in real property (real property purchased on installment covered by Contract to Sell which was sold by the original buyer before it was fully paid) shall be taxable on the part of the original buyer (now seller) based on the realized gain, the difference between the agreed payment and the amount actually paid by the original buyer.

Considering that the transfer still involves a sale of real property, the taxation may depend on whether the asset is considered capital or ordinary asset. In such case, the withholding tax rules on either case may be applicable.

The BIR, however, did not specify in the regulations whether the sale of interest in real property shall be taxable following the rules on sale of real properties considered capital or ordinary asset. In addition, the regulations also did not provide for transitory rules on properties bought and fully paid before the effectivity of the regulations although the title had not yet been transferred to the buyer.

In this connection, further regulations may be issued to clarify the correct taxes on the sale of interest in real properties as well as transitory rules for unregistered transfers.

Now that you know the new rules on withholding tax on real property, be sure to withhold the correct amount and remit the tax to the BIR. If you fail to withhold the tax, you cannot register the property in your name and claim full ownership.

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Plusses and minuses . . .

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pines. The Retail Trade Liberalization Act (RA 8762) came into effect in March 26, 2000, and should attract the retail giants. However, only a few have taken the leap so far. These include the California chain PriceSmart, Makro's Orkam Asia, and Watson's, which is partly owned by Hong Kong's Hutchison Whampoa.

Malls are multiplying, expanding the access of American fast-food franchises. This is the fruit of rising incomes, urbanization, a youthful population, and the ubiquity of working women. Further, the ratio of food consumed outside the home to total food consumption is also increasing. It was 7 percent in 1988, climbing to 12 percent by 1997. In Metro Manila the ratio may even reach 25 percent.

Purchasing power constrained

A related trend is for petroleum giants to set up their own chains of convenience stores. They sell food, beverage, magazines, toiletries, and various items needed by people on the road. The notable examples are Select (Shell), Starmart (Caltex), and Treats (Petron). They are a tiny blip on the retail radar screen, but they wield the advantage of area distribution. In the future they may even challenge the network of 7-11.

On the minus side, the market for imports faces certain constraints. The low incomes of the general population limit their purchasing power. The natural markets for these items are the rich and the upper middle class.

The distribution of imported consumer goods is thus concentrated in Metro Manila and major cities.

Related to this, consumers are sensitive about price. Note that packages of local goods tend to come in smaller sizes so that the masses can afford them.

Hostage to dollar rate

As such, the currency exchange rate creates problems for those who import American food. The long-term trend has been a rising exchange rate, so imports tend to become more costly in peso terms. Retailers are thus more cautious in their bulk orders and in their pricing schemes.

Infrastructure facilities, in terms of roads, shipping and storage, are not yet sufficiently developed. Outside Metro Manila, cold chain systems are very inadequate. So food must be packaged to take account of the heat and humidity in the Philippines.

Milk and money

This condition explains the failure to develop a strong local milk production industry. Milk in liquid form has a short shelf life, so the lack of cold storage discourages farmers from breeding cattle for milk.

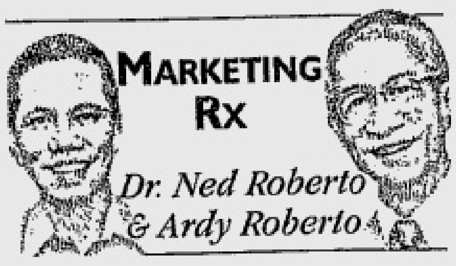
Countries that export milk to the Philippines respond by shipping powdered milk. The powder is sold in cans and refill pouches, often for the consumption of children. It can also be "recombined" in local factories into liquid milk, which is then canned.

Because of the need for giant processing facilities, the Philippine milk industry is composed of a few large players. The biggest kid on the block is Nestlé Philippines, owned 55 percent by the Swiss company, and 45 percent by San Miguel corporation.

Importers may want to look at the milk market here, for it is huge. The Philippines is 99 percent dependent on imported milk. *Comments to <darroyo@philonline.com>*

BUSINESS Friday

Celebretics: The art and science of using celebrity endorsers in advertising



Dr. Ned Roberto & Ardy Roberto

"WHY did you choose Piolo?" This time it was MRx asking the questions. The junior MRx met one of the owners of Max's Restaurant at a finance seminar for entrepreneurs at the AIM. It was providential because MRx had just started writing the draft for this column. Cristina Garcia, whose family co-owns the Max's fried chicken restaurant chain, recently launched an advertising campaign with Piolo Pascual as their celebrity endorser. So we didn't have to look far to talk to a product manager about their celebretics strategy. We got a business owner to do it.

Celebretics was first defined by the senior MRx in a special AIM research report back in1989, as "the advertising execution strategy of using a celebrity or celebrities to present the advertised product's message."

Garcia was very open to my Piolo Pascual question. She said that their advertising agency, Saatchi, had recommended him. Based on the agency's research, Max's target market would be most receptive to Gary V., Kristine Hermosa and Piolo Pascual. Because of budget considerations, Max's passed up on Gary V although they had a very effective ad campaign in the past with the singer. They were surprised to see Kristine Hermosa and were open to the idea but the Max's marketing group wanted a male celebrity endorser. According to Garcia, "We know that most of the time, it is the woman who decides where the family eats when they go out. With Piolo as the endorser, we knew that the women of the house would be *kilig*."

This statement reflects the school of thought that recognizes that the advertising's informing and persuasive effectiveness depends not only on what is being said (ad copy) but who's saying it (the deliverer of the message, i.e. the endorser/talent.)

The advertising mix

Before we get carried away talking about the effect that celebrity endorsers like Piolo Pascual (for Max's), Sharon Cuneta (from handwash to vaginal wash and ad infinitum) and even Mandy Moore (for Penshoppe) have on a company's topline, we need to review the basics and realize that celebretics is just part of the advertising mix.

Mass advertising's marketing task is to inform and persuade a target mass market segment within a specified period. The advertising message is only a part of the total communication to which the target audience will respond. Consumers react to the total advertising mix. This mix consists of not just the message (what the ad is saying about the advertised product) but also the execution (how the ad is saying the message), the media (where the ad is saying the message), and the media schedule (when and how often the ad is saying the message).

Advertising research has shown that media and the media schedule are responsible for the informing effectiveness. Awareness and recall scores measure this effectiveness. On the other hand, message and execution are the advertising mix elements determining the ad's persuasive effectiveness. Attitude, image, and purchase intention are typically used to measure this effectiveness. Between message and execution, advertising creativity has favored more and more ad execution as the dominant "cause" of the persuasion effects. (In short, it's not what you say, but how you say it.) An ad execution strategy that has gotten a large and growing share of application is the use of celebrities as presenters or endorsers of the advertised products.

Every year, our estimate is that there are more than 2,000 TV commercials being screened by the Philippine Board of Advertising. About 30 percent to 40 percent use presenters and more than half of these use celebrities as the presenters. These include movie actors and actresses, TV personalities, basketball players and sportsmen, singers, and well-known names from the business and political arena. (Actually, the celebrity is now a media, i.e. the medium is now the message.)

(To be continued next Friday.)

For questions or comments, email at MarketingRx@SaltAndLightVentures.com

Pharmacists concoct a food venture in a mini-forest

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

DAGUPAN CITY—Despite coming from different business backgrounds, friends Asuncion Balingit of the Balingit Drug Store in this city and Carmen Tan of the Save More Drug Store in Quezon City did not find it difficult to venture into the restaurant business.

After all, they both love food and an area at the back of Balingit's house here was perfect for a garden restaurant, a concept that was yet to be introduced to this city.

"There's a pavilion in front of our house in Bonuan Boquig which my father built for President Macapagal-Arroyo. (where she) met her supporters from Northern Luzon when she ran for vice president in 1998," Balingit says.

Don Pedro Balingit, 93, Balingit's father, was a classmate and close friend of former President Diosdado Macapagal, the President's father. Ms. Macapagal continued the friendship and regularly visits the old man whenever she's in Northern Luzon.

Balingit says their family usually entertains friends and business associates in the pavilion whenever they are in town for a visit. And these same friends saw the potential of the area, suggesting that they could make better use of the area.

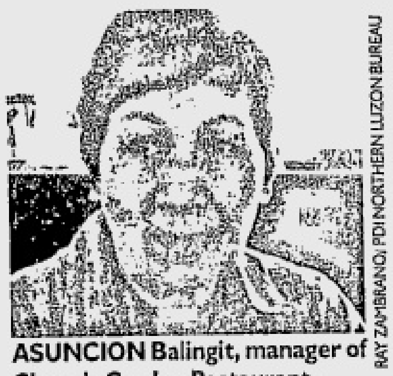
It was chef August Agustin, a friend of Tan's, who "discovered" the potentials of the area as a restaurant.

Agustin manages Tan's other restaurants.

Balingit mulled over the idea and when Tan visited her one time, they talked about their "pet project." It was not long before the pavilion was transformed into a cozy fine dining restaurant called "Chony's Garden Restaurant."

The establishment can sit about 80 people on ordinary days but can be arranged to accommodate 200 people for special functions.

The restaurant, which opened on Aug. 1, is in a corner of a five-hectare wooded lot and can be accessed through a 500-meter tree-lined winding road from the highway. Balingit's father planted fruit and other trees like sineguelas, atis, guava, coconut, neem tree and papaya in the area until it resembled a mini-forest.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ASUNCION Balingit, manager of Chony's Garden Restaurant.

"I am tempted to call it a forest restaurant instead of a garden restaurant," Balingit says.

She says the restaurant offers an alternative for people who want to "get away from the hustle and bustle of the city and enjoy dining amid a lush garden."

The pavilion was fitted with nets to keep insects away and has a misting machine to keep the temperature inside cool.

Though it is supposed to be a fine-dining eatery, the ambience is relaxed, thanks to the mini-forest and the cool breeze from the nearby Lingayen Gulf.

Chony's Garden Restaurant offers a fusion of Spanish and Continental dishes prepared by young chef Beng Presente. The restaurant is being managed by Danny Ignacio of the Chef August and Associates, which also manages Nurture Resort in Tagaytay City and some classy restaurants in Metro Manila.

The restaurant's clientele is composed mainly of medical representatives and their guests, and the Balingit family's friends. But through recommendations of satisfied customers, the information about this "hidden paradise" is spreading like wildfire and more Dagupeños are coming to sample Chony's dishes.

But Balingit said if Ms Macapagal still wants to, she is welcome to use the place for what it was intended to be—a meeting place for her friends and supporters.

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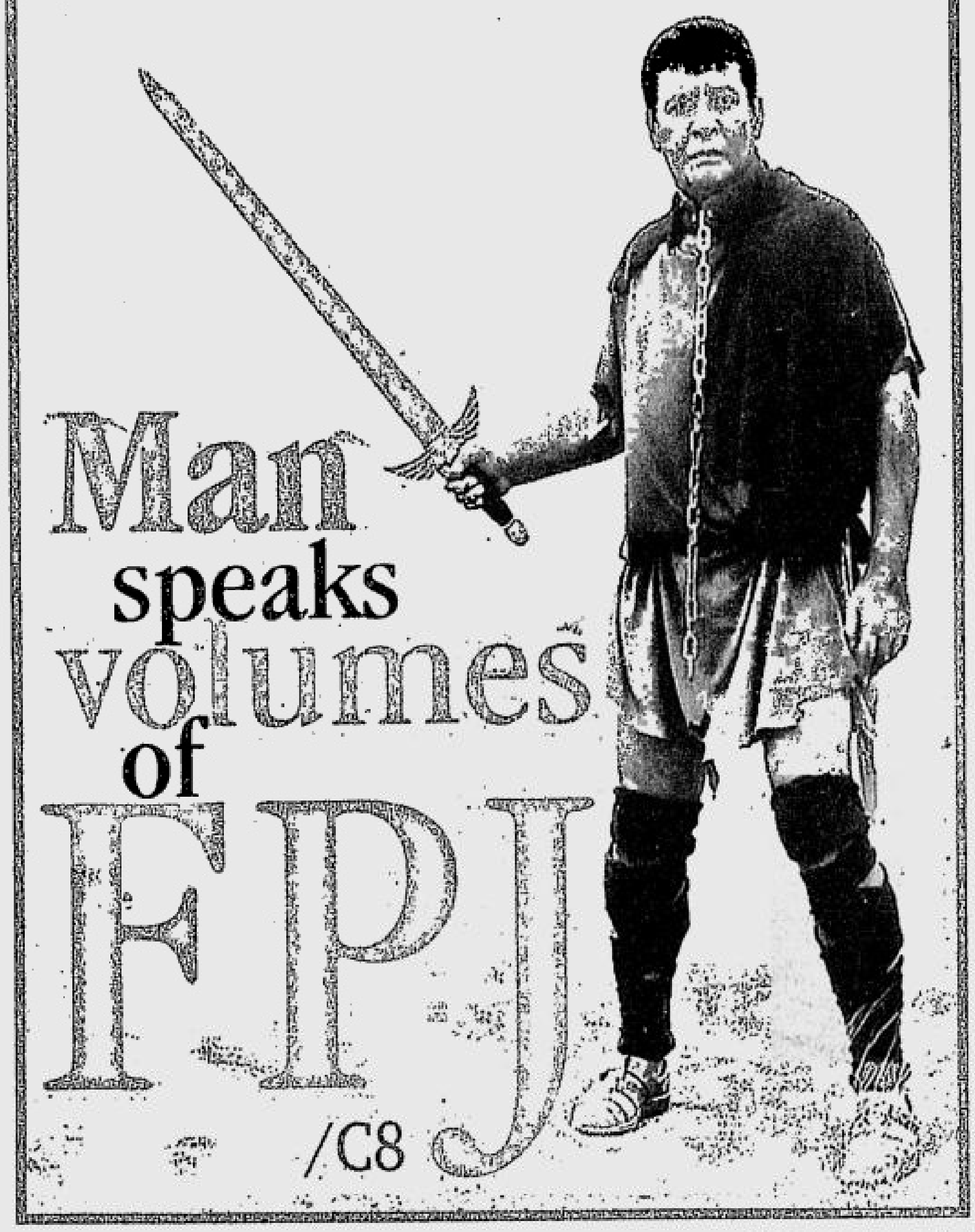

Man speaks volumes of FPJ

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Dawn goes back 'home' to Bethlehem

By Nini Valera

FOR actress Dawn Zulueta, her comeback movie "Filipinas" will take her to her roots in Bethlehem in Palestine.

In the movie, Dawn plays Gloria, a Filipino caregiver in Israel who comes home to bring back the body of her friend who was killed in a terrorist attack in Tel Aviv.

Dawn, 34, Rachel Marie Salman Taleon in real life, is part Palestinian. Her maternal grandfather, George Anton Salman, was a Palestinian-Arab who came to the Philippines after World War II to escape the violent conflict between the Palestinians and Israelis.

For the first time in her life, Dawn will go to Palestine to shoot some of her scenes for "Filipinas." The trip is scheduled in November.

ZULUETA gets in touch with her heritage.

"I have family and relatives in Bethlehem, that's why I'm so excited," Dawn told INQUIRER Entertainment. "My mother is half Palestinian, and we keep in touch with our relatives in Bethlehem. This is my first time to go there, and I'm bringing my mom with me."

Dawn's grandfather, who died in 1990 at 82, never returned to his homeland. He married a Filipina from Bulacan.

"I would not be caught dead referring to myself as an Israeli Arab in front of him," Dawn related. "'You are a Palestinian Arab, not an Israeli Arab,' he would tell us."

Dawn herself was not sure of the significance of such a distinction. But to the 800,000 Palestinians who were expelled from their country in 1948 after the Israeli forces defeated the Palestinians and established the State of Israel, being called Israeli Arabs has relegated them to the status of a cultural minority and a marginalized group.

There were, however, no such history lessons in Dawn's youth.

"It's not clear to me what the prob

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PILITA CORRALES

A date with TV history

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Gretchen Barretto arrived at the Star Awards for Television last Saturday night at the UP Theater in Diliman, Quezon City, accompanied by five uniformed bodyguards, a uniformed maid and a makeup artist. In typical blinding Gretchen jewelry, she performed in the very long show, singing a medley of **Streisand** songs. Gretchen is known to favor Bulgari jewelry.

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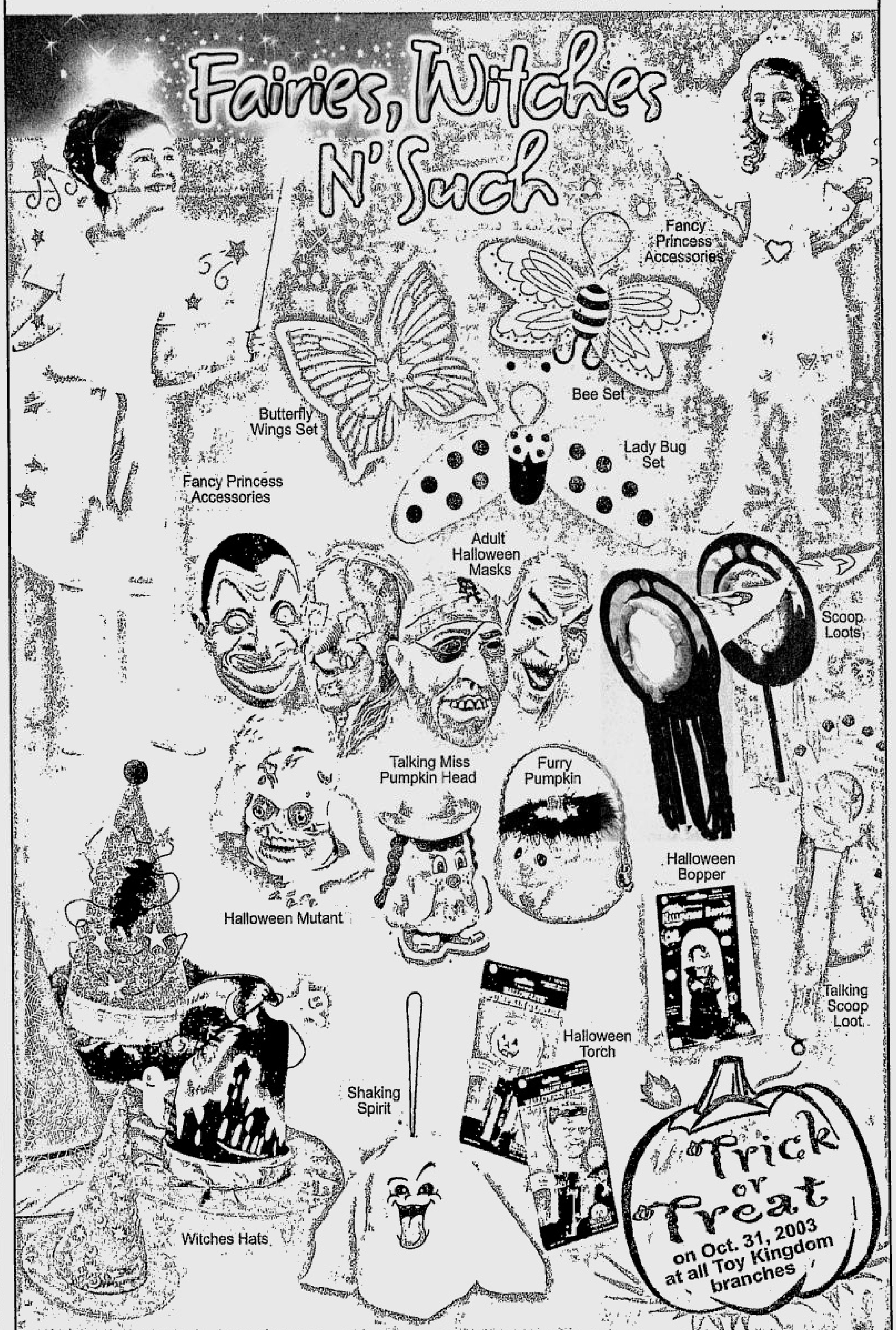

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A date with TV history

SHOW STOPPER

THIS Sunday, make a date with history. Fifty years of television history.

Re-live the TV shows we grew up with as ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. and Asian Eye Productions present the documentary "Limampung Taong Ligawan: The Pinoy TV Story" on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 9:30 p.m.

The documentary takes you back in time with "Tawag ng Tanghalan," "Buhay Artista," "Oras ng Ligaya," "Student Canteen," "The Eddie Ilarde Show," "Tang Tarangtang," "Hamon sa Kampeon," "The Baby O'Brien Show," "Sunday Sweet Sunday," "Twelve O'Clock High," "Two for the Road," "An Evening with Pilita," "Laff In," "D'Sensations," and many more. Dolphy takes you through the journey along with his co-hosts Vilma Santos, Sharon Cuneta, Charo Santos, Nova Villa, Bayani Agbayani, Noli de Castro, Claudine Barretto and Piolo Pascual.

Behind this TV event of the year are Kara Magsanoc-Alikpala, executive producer; Veronica Alcañeses-Pantig, co-executive producer; Jeffrey Jeturian, director; Amparo Pe, director for post-production; Leo Abaya, visual consultant; Ed Lingao and Jo Atienza, writers; Lee Meily and Timmy Jimenez, cinematographers; Jaime Fabregas, musical score; and Marlon Rivera, creative director. This is a teamup of ABS-CBN and Asian Eye Productions, makers of "Batas Militar." Charo Santos-Concio is overall in charge of production. Chit Guerrero is supervising producer.

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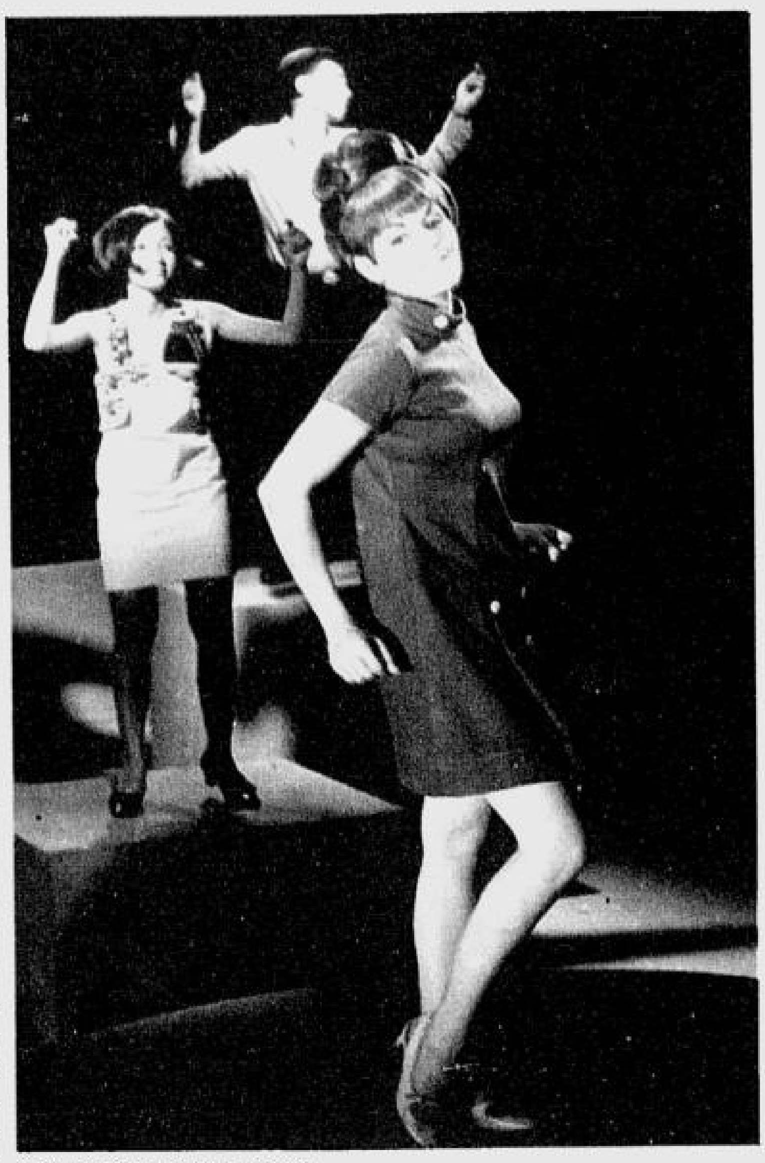
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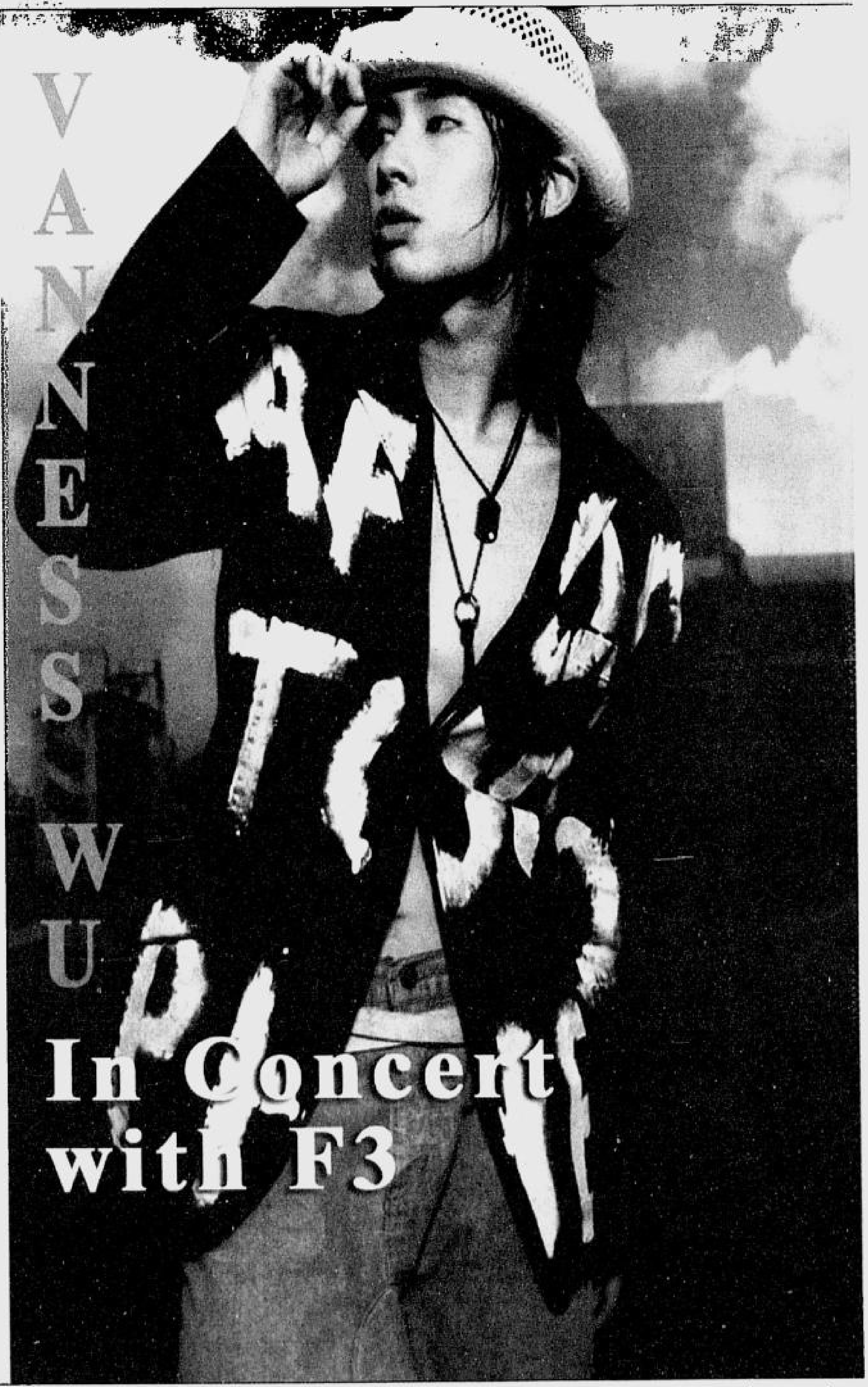

Tips for aspiring scriptwriters

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

QUITE often, prospective screenwriters ask us for "sure-fire" tips on how to become successful TV-film writers. Naturally, we quickly disabuse them of the much too comfortable notion that anything in life is "sure-fire."

Not having the heart to leave them high and dry, however, we do share these helpful tips based on Marsha Norman's extensive experience in the field—and almost literally written in her own blood:

First, to be a good writer, you have to be an avid reader. Read at least four hours a day. No arguments here. Not three hours and a half, but four. Take it or leave it.

Next, don't write about your life now, it's too unclear and inchoate. Write about your past, something that's already been completed, and thus easier for you to get a handle on.

Write about something that terrified you, something you still think is unfair, something that you haven't been able to forget after all the years that have passed since it happened.

Don't write in order to show the audience how smart you are. The audience is not the least bit interested in the scriptwriter, it only wants to know—and care about—the characters.

If the audience begins to suspect that what it's watching was actually written by some other person, it's going to quit watching and listening. So keep yourself out of it!

If you have characters you can't write fairly, cut them out. Grudges have no place here. Nobody cares about your grudges but you, and you can't attract an audience!

There must be one central character. Only one. Not two, not three—one. And he or she must want something. And by the end of your script, your central character must either get it or not. Period. No exceptions.

You must tell your audience right away what is at stake in your script—i.e., how they know when the drama is over. They are, in a sense, the jury. You present the evidence, and then they say whether or not it seems true to them.

If it does, your script will work. If it doesn't seem true to your viewers, try to find out why—and don't do it anymore!

If, while you're writing, thoughts of critics, family members or the audience occur to you, stop writing and do some reading until you have successfully forgotten them.

Don't talk about your script while you're writing it. Good scripts are always the product of a single vision, a single point of view. Your friends will be helpful later, after the script's direction is established.

A script is one thing you can easily get too much help with. If you must break this rule, try not to say what you have learned by talking. Or just let other people talk and you listen. Don't talk your script away.

Keep pads of paper near you all the time. Whenever you have thoughts about your script, write them down.

Never start writing until you know what your first sentence is that day. It is unhealthy to sit in front of an unused typewriter or computer for any length of time. If, after you have typed the first sentence, you can't think of a second one, go read.

There is only one good reason to write a script, and that is that there is no other way to take care of it, or process it, whatever it is. There are too many made-up scripts being written these days.

So if it doesn't spill out faster than you can write it, don't write it at all! Or write about something else that does spill out. Spilling out is what scripts are all about. "Writing" is for novelists.

'Acoustic Night Live'

TAPIKA at Libis in Quezon City has become a popular venue for acoustic performances. Some of Tapika's gifted singers are now showcased in a CD titled "Accoustic Night Live."

Cuts include "Strong Enough" and "Don't Know Why" by Eva and guitarist Jon; "Bump and Grind" and "Think of Laura" by Dominic & Burton; "Mad World" and "Ants Marching" by the Invocan quartet; "Return to Pooh Center" and "Knocks Me Off My Feet" by Ryan; "The Last Days" and "Englishman in New York" by Hourglass; and "Hurting Inside" and "Spend My Life" by U-turn.

"Acoustic Night Live" is a Viva Records release. The recording company should be complimented for showcasing relatively new talents like the Tapika performers, so that they can get their chance to shine.

Remedial English

THE CORBAN Daycare and Tutorial Center is holding a series of remedial English study groups for professionals and students in the beginners, intermediate and advanced levels for 10 Saturdays beginning Oct. 18.

There will also be ESL sessions for foreigners. Call 842-6665.

There will also be a study group for children aged 7 to 13 to build up confidence in public speaking, for eight Saturdays staring Oct. 18, from 9 to 10 a.m.

Dawn goes back 'home' to Bethlehem

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lem was (in Palestine), that's why I'm going there to find out," she said.

Creating the character

Her grandfather also did not teach his children to speak Arabic, she said.

"He would curse at us in Arabic, but he never taught any of us to speak Arabic," Dawn recalled. "I would have wanted to be more in touch with my heritage."

But Dawn is no stranger to her role of a caregiver in "Filipinas."

"I've done roles like this in the past," she said. "What I did to prepare for it was to talk to friends who worked as overseas workers. That's how I figured out how I'm going to do my part.

"I can also imagine the kind of pressure that working in a place like Israel could bring to anyone. But I'm still getting the feel of my role. I'm still in the process of creating the character."

Despite a six-year absence from the movies, Dawn already feels at home on the set of the Joel Lamangan film.

"I miss working," she confided. "I was really waiting for the right project to go back to work again, and 'Filipinas' was the perfect vehicle for a comeback. It's rare that a project like this comes your way. I accepted the role after I found out that *Direk* Joel had asked for me. One of my last films was also with him."

Enjoying marriage

She gets the chance to work with Maricel Soriano and to reunite with ex-boyfriend Richard Gomez, who plays Dawn's eldest brother in the movie.

"It's interesting, but this is the first time also that Richard and I would not be playing lovers," said Dawn.

"I LIKE being married," says Dawn

The only apprehension she had in accepting the project was that she would be shooting in Manila and leaving behind her husband, Anton Lagdameo, in their home in Davao where they have lived since they got married in 1997.

"I can only go home when there's free time, and there hardly has been any free time since we started shooting," said Dawn.

"I like being married," she added. "I enjoy it. I'm a housewife, and I cook for my husband who works in his grandfather's pineapple plantation. We live in a starter house, which is easier for me to maintain. I only have a houseboy to do the cleaning."

Trying to have kids

Still childless, Dawn and Anton are hoping to have children soon, said the actress.

"We are in the process of trying (to have children), and I'm already tired of trying," Dawn lamented. "We'll let God decide when He wants us to have children."

The couple has each other for company, along with two Labradors, three Shitzus and a cock-a-tiel, a bird.

Dawn has no complaints. She's happy to be acting again even if her marriage has now limited her to roles that do not involve nudity and scenes of intimacies with her leading men.

"My husband is *seloso*," she explained. "I have to respect his feelings. That kind of limits me, but acting is not my priority anymore."

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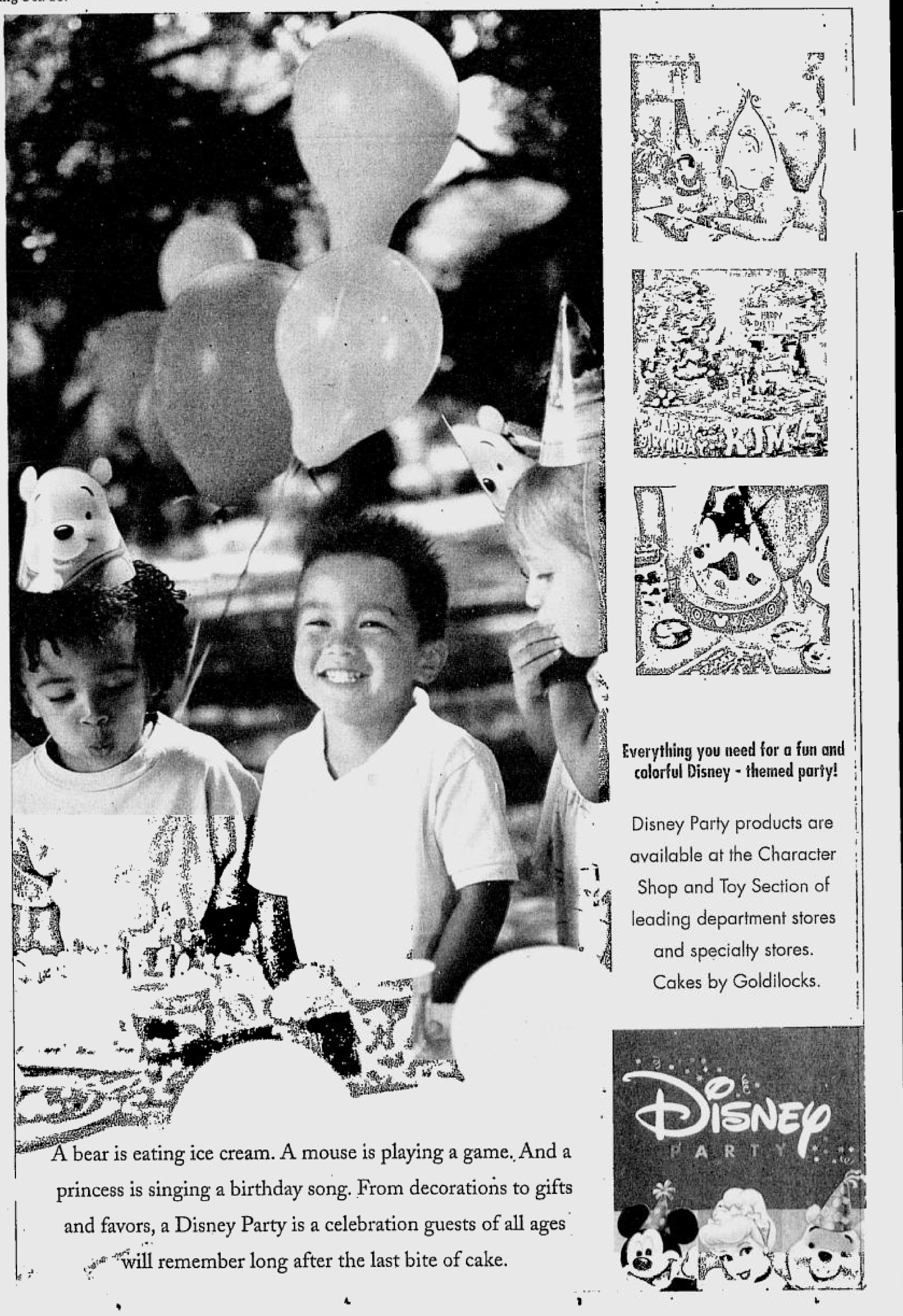

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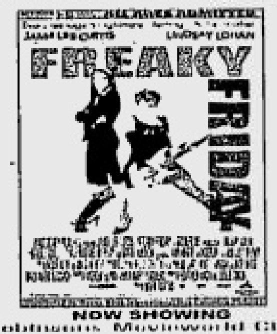

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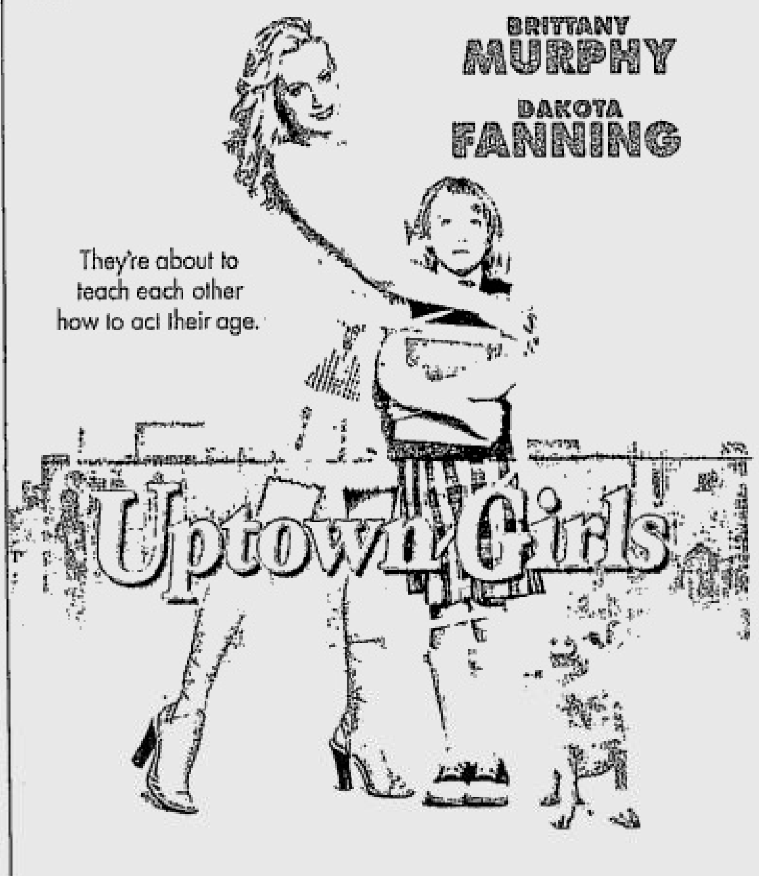

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Paolo, knight in acoustic armor

ACOUSTIC guitar wiz and balladeer Paolo Santos performs tonight and tomorrow night at the Music Museum in "Paolo Santos by Request" with guests Arnee, Hourglass and South Border.

This romantic knight in acoustic armor confesses to having picked up the guitar "for acceptance, attention and to attract girls."

The self-taught prodigy honed his chops by soaking up the music of such influences as James Taylor, Paul McCartney, Michael Tomlinson and the Style Council. But despite his affinity for the '70s sound, he stresses, "I'm not a folk artist."

His first attempts at songwriting came in 1991 with "Beside You, Forever," which speaks of a friend's unwavering devotion to a girl who has fallen into a deep depression.

"The benchmark of a really good artist is not so much in how good you are as an instrumentalist or how flashy you look," says Paolo. "In the end, it's how far you'll go to give in to your audience's requests."

The songs that Paolo sings easily number in the hundreds and range from such obscure songs as "Moonlight Over Paris" to the folksy America anthem, "All My Life," to more contemporary MTV staples such as John Mayer's "Comfortable" or Edwin McBain's "I'll Be."

"Paolo Santos by Request" is presented by Music One Entertainment and PLDT, with media partners Manila Bulletin, Wave 89.1, 96.3 Wrock, Joey 92.3 and 105.1 Crossover.

Tickets are available at Ticketworld outlets (891-5610), Music Museum (721-6726 and 721-0635), and Music One Entertainment (0917-6001046).

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Music, laughter at the Tavern

TAVERN on the Square, on the second level of Greenbelt 3, continues to serve a smorgasbord of music and humor.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, it's acoustic music with U-Turn alternating with Nicco Paderna to soothe frayed nerves. It's nice and slow on Tuesdays, with retro music from Route 70, except on Oct. 28, when Parliament Syndicate and Chedi perform.

Wednesdays, it's music and laughter with Richard Villanueva and Rated R, alternating with Eva. Thursdays are packed full with unadulterated music, by Big.

Fridays have Fat Session, headed by the irreverent lead vocalist Orca. Finally, end the week with the heart-thumping music of Parliament Syndicate.

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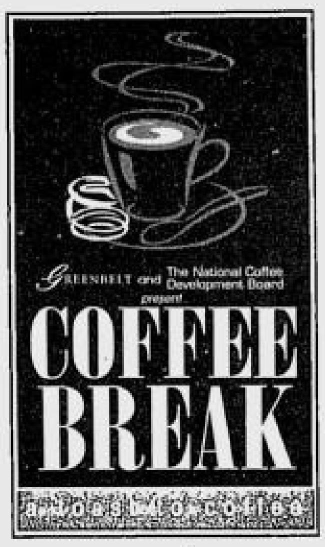
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Now on its second year, the fantasy ball is called "The Witches of Spirits."

It includes a parade of partygoers in fantasy costumes that will be held around the Malate district. Guests are welcome to come in their most "horrifying" costumes or most glamorous evening clothes and fantasy creations. Come as a ghoul, a naughty gnome or a Las Vegas showgirl and get the chance to win P10,000 for the most original costume; P2,500 for the most horrifying costume; P2,500 (most colorful costume); and five consolation prizes of P1,000 each and gift certificates.

BE "HORRIFYING" or be glamorous, and win prizes in "The Witches of Spirits." The above scene is from last year's ball

SHOW TIME

Kyla, Jay-R in SISC show

TWO of the country's top R & B artists, Kyla and Jay-R, will star in a concert at the Southville International School and Colleges at BF International, Las Piñas City on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

The concert, called "Southern Chemistry," caps the school's 13th Foundation Day and International Week celebration.

Sugarfree, Imago and Akafellas will also perform in the concert produced by the SISC student council and Interact Club.

High school deputy principal Anthony Calado said "the school is fully supporting the project because it is a good vehicle for students to demonstrate their teamwork, creativity and critical thinking skills."

Other activities lined up for the celebration from Oct. 20 to 24 include a Parade of Nations, academic contests, Mr. and Ms. SISC pageant, talent night, alumni night, parents' night, trick or treat, book and food fairs, and games.

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From beauty queen to beauty queen maker

BLOOMING in Baguio, Kier now organizes events, including beauty pageants.

YESTERDAY

By Peachy Vibal-Guioguio
Contributor

GROWING up in the '70s, I came to appreciate the stuff that beauty contestants were made of.

I used to tag along with my dad, who was doing public relations (PR) work for an ice cream brand that was the major sponsor of a popular beauty pageant at that time. He would bring me along, together with the beauty contestants, to do the rounds of orphanages, resorts and restaurants for much-needed publicity mileage and visibility. So at a young age, I already knew that behind the glamor and prestige that went with the crown on a winner's head and the scepter in her hand were human dramas of courage, determination and perseverance.

Most beauty contest winners go on to become either fashion models or show biz stars. Some end up as both. One of the latter is Anna Lorraine Kier, 1977 Bb. Pilipinas-Universe, who later became star of the top-rating '70s TV sitcom, "Duplex," where she was with the late legendary Ading Fernando, or "Daddy Groovy" to those who still recall that chapter of Philippine television history.

Anna was only 17 when she bagged the top plum in the prestigious Binibining Pilipinas pageant.

"When I was a child, I would always watch beauty contests on TV with my family," recounts Anna, based in Baguio City. "And my aunt would tease and call me Ms Universe."

Apart from the fact that she was really beauty queen material, this constant ribbing from her aunt became ingrained in her subconscious and might have motivated her to join a local beauty contest. The aunt, who knew that their family had a winner in Anna, submitted her photo to a local radio station in Baguio. From then on, there was no stopping Anna from winning one beauty contest after another—Miss St. Louis University, Ms Teen Philippines and, eventually, Bb. Pilipinas-Universe.

Fashion, theater

The Bb Pilipinas-Universe crown paved the way for Anna to do some modeling, under the tutelage of the late Conching Sunico. In between her modeling assignments, Anna would dabble in theater, where she met Boy Abunda, now popular host and talent manager, and forged a friendship with him. Both were working at the Metropolitan Theater, of which Ms Sunico was the administrator.

"I am very happy for Boy because he has come a long way," Anna says in an aside. "Even during our Metropolitan Theater days, he already knew what he wanted and strove hard to get where he is now."

In 1979, Anna joined the cast of "Duplex," whose writer-director, Ading Fernando, set trends that contributed to the evolution of the Filipino sitcom as we know it today. Anna starred as the love interest of Al Tantay in a series of misadventures that delighted viewers and made the show a top-rater for five years. The sitcom also starred, among others, Soxy Topacio, Marissa Delgado and Janice Jurado, whose character, Liweng, became a household name.

Anna also did TV hosting chores on "Business Talk" and was also in the landmark soap, "Flordeluna," where she played the nurse of Dindo Fernando.

But it was modeling that Anna really loved because it gave her the chance to travel. Her contemporaries in ramp modeling included Ping Fideris, Merlita Antonio and Melanie Marquez.

After making a name as a TV star and a top model, Anna felt she had to go back to her roots and decided to head back to Baguio. Since she had been unable to finish her studies in Manila, she thought she might as well continue going to school in Baguio where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

Events management

It was also in Baguio where she met Nicholas Tabora, who became her husband. She decided to stay for good and be a full-time wife and mother. She and Nicholas have Nikholo, 16, Nichol, 13, and Diandre, 12.

"Manila was too fast-paced for me," she says. "I longed for the subdued and laid-back lifestyle that my hometown offered."

Anna has put up an events management company together with four of her Baguio friends. She and her friends had been organizing the annual convention of the Venture Club, until her husband suggested that she and her friends do it on a professional basis. Thus their company, Affairs et al Inc., was born in May 2002.

Affairs et al staged the Miss Baguio 2002 pageant. "It was an eye-opener for me," says Anna, admitting that she had been unaware of how difficult it was to mount a beauty contest. "But it was all worth it. After seeing the contestants bloom and turn from timid to self-confident girls, I believed all our patience and hard work paid off."

Now, she says, she has seen both sides of the coin and is more appreciative of the labor, time and patience that go into the making of beauty contests. Twenty-six years after she was crowned a beauty queen, she was organizing beauty pageants herself.

"The thrill and excitement this time is in seeing the girls hone their talents and skills, and knowing that you have been part of their development," she says.

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Fan speaks volumes of FPJ

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award from the Urian group of critics, the group that put premium on sterling screen performance, leaves Simon disheartened.

"I find his acting okay," he said. "He already has five awards from the Famas. But the Urian has not even nominated him, and I feel sad for him."

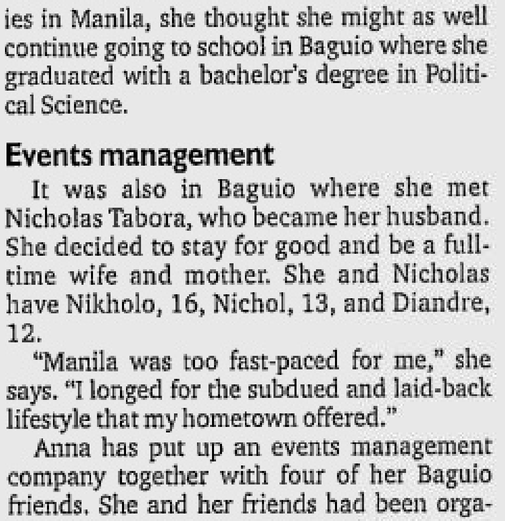
But he agreed that watching FPJ play the superhero is an extended exercise in suspending disbelief.

"We FPJ fans do not want to see him die in the movies," Simon said. "His movies are mostly fantasy. We look at him as larger than life."

If he were to talk to FPJ again, Simon said he "will talk only about his pictures. I will not discuss anything negative with him," even though the fan is aware of some nasty rumors about his idol.

"I hope that when he reads this, he would contact me and we could set an appointment so I could show him my collection and give him a copy," Simon said.

"That's all I ask of the man."



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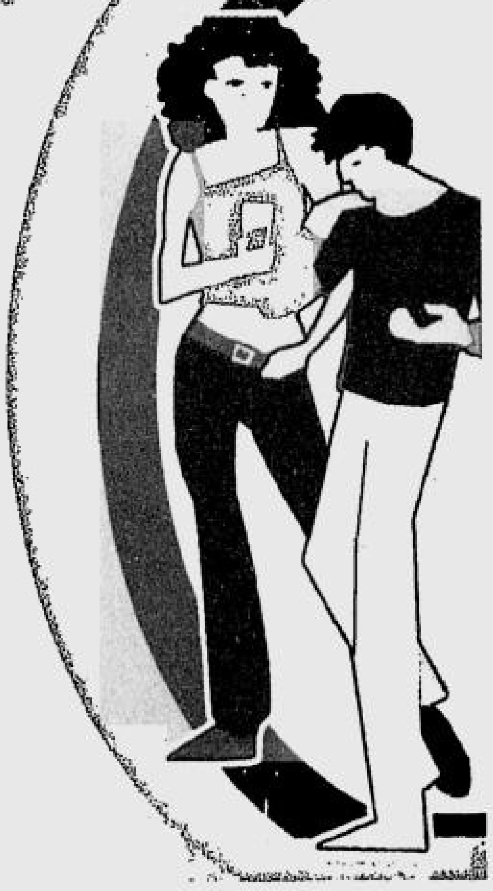

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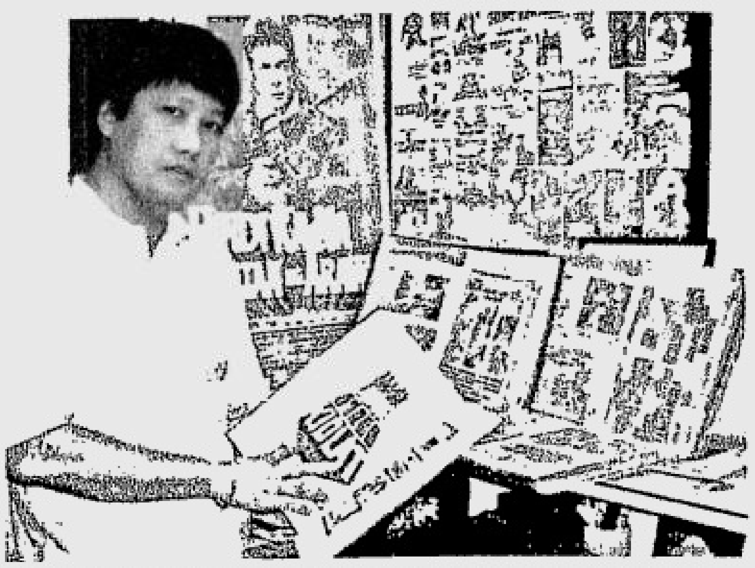


SANTOS and part of his collection. "I don't worship FPJ," says the collector who started being a Poe follower when he was just 7.

Fan speaks volumes of FPJ

By Nini Valera

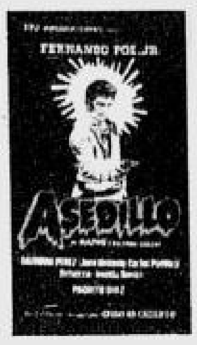
THE SON of painter Malang has been collecting Fernando Poe Jr. movie print ads and write-ups since 1955, which he has compiled into four volumes of inch-thick books.

. Simon Santos, 50, says he was only 12 when he started clipping his idol's movie ads and publicity spreads.

"I have been watching his movies since I was 7," Simon says in Filipino. "The first one I watched was 'Markado' in 1960 in Dalisay Theater in Quiapo. Then I started collecting clippings and articles of his movies."

Santos had missed several years of clippings. But he was able to find these materials at the National Library.

"I missed all his ads before 1964," he says.



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FERNANDO POE Jr.
SUSAN ROCES
ANG DAIGDIG KO'Y IKAW

MAGAZINE covers, including this one with Susan Roces, and movie posters like "Asedillo" are among the Santos collection.

"But the National Library had all the newspapers so I went through all the papers there from 1955 to 1966. Since the pages were already brittle, the library did not allow me to photocopy the pages. I took digital pictures of these pages."

He spent 15 days at the National Library researching, taking only short breaks for lunch and snacks. He went home when the library was about to close.

"I compiled all the materials that I could find about him," Simon said. "Some are from the Internet."

No FPJ trivia is too trivial to escape Santos. He knows that FPJ was born in 1939 and he first appeared in movies as a bit player as early as 1951. As of his last count, FPJ has done at least 250 movies as a leading man from "Anak Ni Palaris" with Rosita Noble in 1955, to the most recent, "Pakners" with billiards champion Efren "Bata" Reyes.

Paid in beer

Simon said FPJ was only 15 when the father of the future king of Philippine movies died so that he had to become the family breadwinner. In 1956, FPJ was the stand-in of actress Lilia Dizon who had sprained her ankle and could not ride a horse, according to Simon. FPJ had to wear a bandana and ride the horse in Lilia's place so the director could get his shot.

"I know that for doing that stunt, he was paid only several bottles of beer," Simon said.

This had given him a peek into FPJ, the man, who is known to be very fond of his beer.

"Even then, I already knew that FPJ liked to drink," Simon said.

But Simon has met FPJ only once—in 1975 on the set of "Isa Para sa Lahat."

"We talked for about 10 minutes," Simon said. "I was only 27 then, and I told him that he had been my idol for the longest time. He told me not to talk about such things in public because it would only make him look old."

FPJ turned 64 last Aug. 20.

Happy watching

Simon admitted that he has not seen all of FPJ's films. But he has watched 75 percent of his body of work. He also has digital copies of two FPJ films produced by National Artist Eddie Romero in 1964 and 1965. In "The Walls of Hells," FPJ co-starred with Jock Mahoney and Mike Parsons. He also starred with John Saxon in "The Ravagers." These two movies were also released here as "Intramuros" and "Hanggang May Kalaban."

But Simon claimed he is not obsessed with his idol.

"I do not worship FPJ, but I am happy to watch his movies even on video and on television," he said. "They transport me back to my youth."

He will not vote for FPJ if the star decides to run for public office.

"I don't like him to be in politics," Simon said. "If he entered politics, then he would lose his privacy."

Larger than life

That FPJ has not yet received an acting

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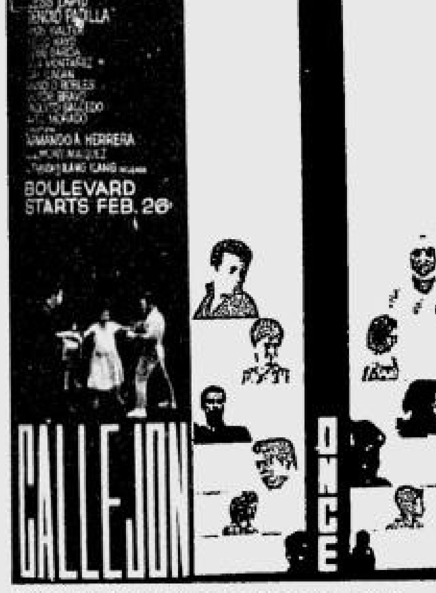

"CALLEJON 11" poster from the '60s

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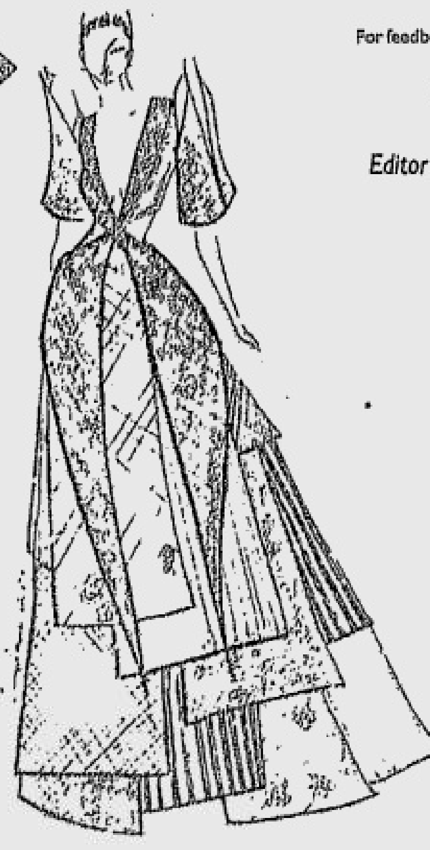
BY JOE SALAZAR, who has mastered the art of the *terno*

The 'terno' a century hence

The Met and Bench combine forces to revive the stately Filipina dress



MODERNIZED *Terno* submitted by Stephanie Santos to the *terno* design contest

THE *TERNO* industry is expected to receive a big boost with a number of revival initiatives by the Metropolitan Museum (The Met) Foundation.

The activities include a *terno* design competition, a *terno* workshop, a *terno* exhibit, and a *terno* ball that will pay tribute to veteran designer Joe Salazar.

"Wearing the *terno* means pride in being Pinoy" said Bea S. Zobel Jr., who co-chairs the the Timeless Terno Project with Luli Macapagal Arroyo. "We will show that an art form like the *terno* provides jobs for communities of designers, embroiderers, weavers and sewers."

Ino Manalo, executive director of The Met, said the program was part of The Met's mission to propagate the arts as an essential aspect of nation-building. He added that many unrecognized talents who work tediously in the backroom were unsung heroes of a craft which dates back to the Hispanic era.

The intricacy of designing and executing a *terno* required the special skills and the direction of a master, Manalo explained. The embroiderers (*bordaderos*), headers, patternmakers, weavers and designers blessed with the mastery of *terno*-making are the backbone of a potentially lucrative industry.

Towns and *sitios* gained renown for putting this butterfly-sleeved national dress at the center of stately balls and inaugurals, weddings and other occasions which called for elegance and pride in the Filipina bearing, Manalo added.

Updating the 'terno'

In collaboration with Ben Chan of Bench/Pinoy Lab, The Met has organized "Ternos for Twenty One Competition: Taking the Terno to the New Century," a terno design contest opened to Filipinos designers between 21-35 years old. The grand winner will receive P50,000 and a trophy. Ten finalists will each receive P5,000 and a certificate.A panel of distinguished personalities from the fashion industry and the arts will judge the entries.

The *ternos* of the finalists will be shown at the Met Museum as part of the *terno* exhibit.

The highlight of the *terno* project is the "Timeless Terno Show: A Tribute to Joe Salazar" on Nov. 22 at The Met. The dinner show will present the works of Salazar together with those of the new generation *terno* makers such as Rajo Laurel, Randy Ortiz, Joji Lloren, Dennis Lustico, Rhett Eala, Patrice Ramos-Diaz, Len Nepomuceno-Guiao, Paul Cabral, Dong Omaga Diaz, J.C. Buendia, Arcy Gayatin and Tippi Ocampo. Directing will be Ariel Lozada.

Salazar's romance with the *terno* had its peak during the Marcos era when he revolutionized the *terno* and created designs that were proudly worn by then First Lady Imelda Marcos to official functions all over the world.

The 10 finalists of the *terno* contest will also present their original designs at the tribute.

'Terno' exhibit

During the Terno Ball, a preview of the Timeless Terno exhibit will be displayed at The Met. The full exhibit of *ternos* and *terno* makers from Manila and the provinces will run

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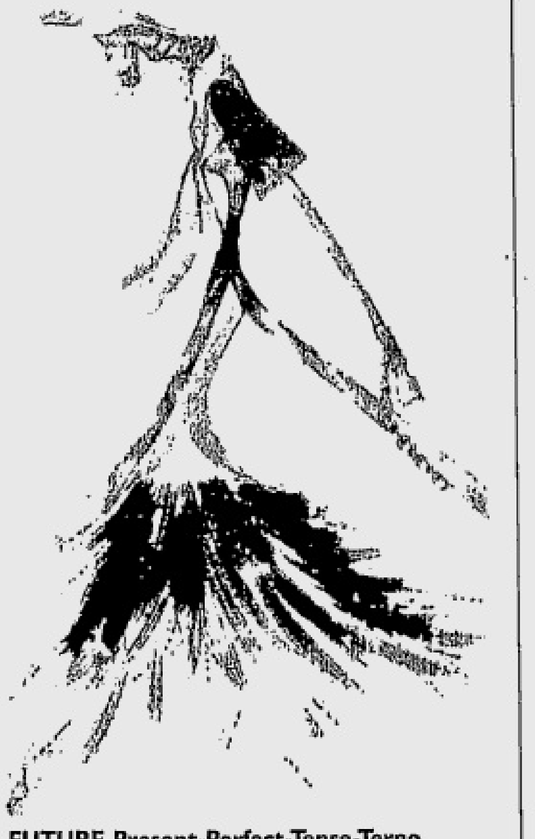

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Choosing the perfect dress style and decoding formal dress codes

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Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

I'D like to ask your suggestion on what dress style I should have for my sister's wedding. I'm not part of the entourage, but my son is the ring bearer. We're not sure if he can walk by December (he will be 10 months by then), so my sister insisted I also have a dress made, in case I have to help him out.

My dressmaker suggested I wear a haltered blouse and an A-line skirt. I'm a bit hesitant to have the haltered blouse made, but my dressmaker said it's okay because my arms don't look that big since they're proportional to my body. I am 5'4" tall and weigh 147 lbs. (I've attached some of my pictures so you'll have an idea of how big I am.) Can I ask you what design will suit me best? My sister wants me to wear a dress that will make me look my age.

It's a good idea for you to have something special made because chances are, your son will not walk down the aisle by himself. And even though you are not part of the entourage, it would be advantageous to have your gown made in the same color motif as the gowns of the bridal entourage. This way, you can create a bit of harmony by blending in with the rest of the wedding party.

I looked at your pictures, which we have not published to protect your privacy, and I generally agree with your dressmaker. Although you are not on the thin side, your arms are quite proportional to your body. But I do have some suggestions on how you can look taller and more slender.

For one, avoid anything that will cut you in half. A top and skirt just might, unless they are made of the same fabric and color. You would look much better wearing a long gown or dress, as these will lengthen your appearance.

I have some reservations regarding your dressmaker's choice of top. Halter tops, more often than not, tend to make arms look bigger than they are, so it might be wise to avoid this style. A cut that is a bit less haltered but still sleeveless would be best for you.

A strapless top, spaghetti straps or a sleeveless style with a round, V or Sabrina neckline are also interesting choices you might want to consider.

> Have your gown made in the same color motif as the gowns of the bridal entourage so you can blend in

SPAGHETTI straps tend to make one's arms smaller.

To look your age, do away with sleeves that can disguise big arms but may make you look older. Also, keep the bottom of your dress or gown A-line in style, as this cut is more youthful in appearance. It can also balance off your arms and upper body and disguise ample hips, although that is not really a problem for you.

You can also look your age by keeping the design of your gown simple and streamlined and by wearing minimal accessories. Wear light makeup that can enhance or create a dewy, youthful glow. And a simple, clean chignon or low ponytail will help you look younger, as opposed to complicated French twists.

If you are still confused regarding your gown design, go to the retail stores to try on different styles of dresses and tops to determine what suits you best and what you are most comfortable with. Then, you can go to your dressmaker to finalize your gown design.

What is the dress etiquette when attending a formal wedding? Is it okay to wear something dark? I have this simple charcoal gray-black dress made of Thai silk that I want to wear, but friends have been advising me against it. They say you shouldn't wear a sad color to an otherwise happy occasion. What do you think?

A formal dress code means you will have to wear a long gown or dress in a dressy evening fabric such as silk, organza, satin, chiffon and the like.

Cocktail dresses, tuxedos or tuxedo pants matched with beaded formal tops are also quite acceptable nowadays.

I noticed, though, that in the Philippines, not a lot of people observe dress codes strictly. Nevertheless, your hosts will surely appreciate it if you attend their function wearing the proper attire.

A charcoal gray-black dress is also suitable, especially during these modern times. But it would be wise to check with the bride's friends and family as to her preference or beliefs.

A good number of my Chinese friends feel that it is bad luck to wear black or dark colors to such an auspicious occasion. Some Filipinos feel the same way.

So, to avoid any boo-boos, simply ask those close to the bride if it will not offend her if you wear your charcoal gray dress. Or if you are a relative or good friend of the bride, go ahead and ask her yourself.

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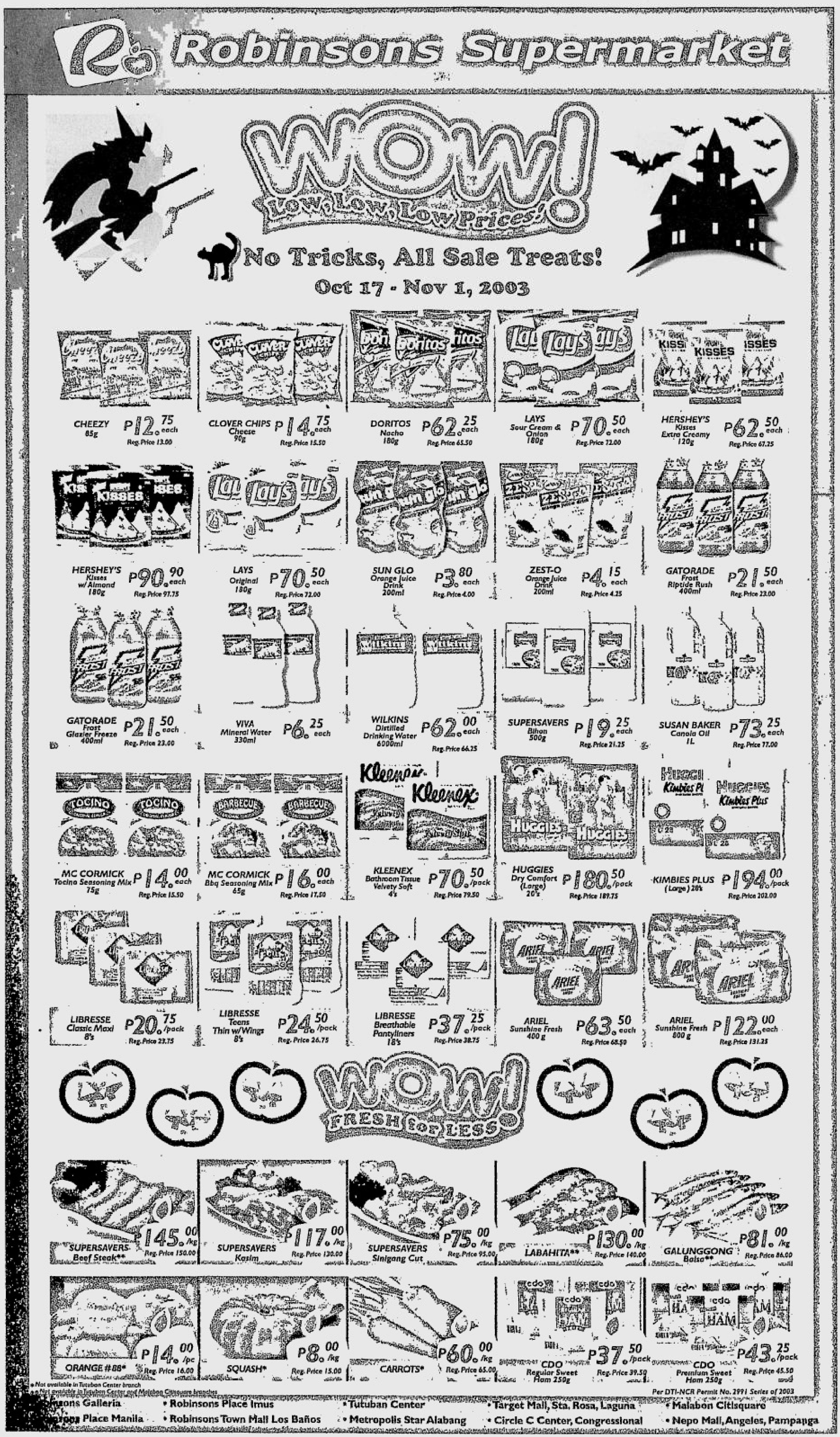
A SLEEVELESS top makes one look slender.



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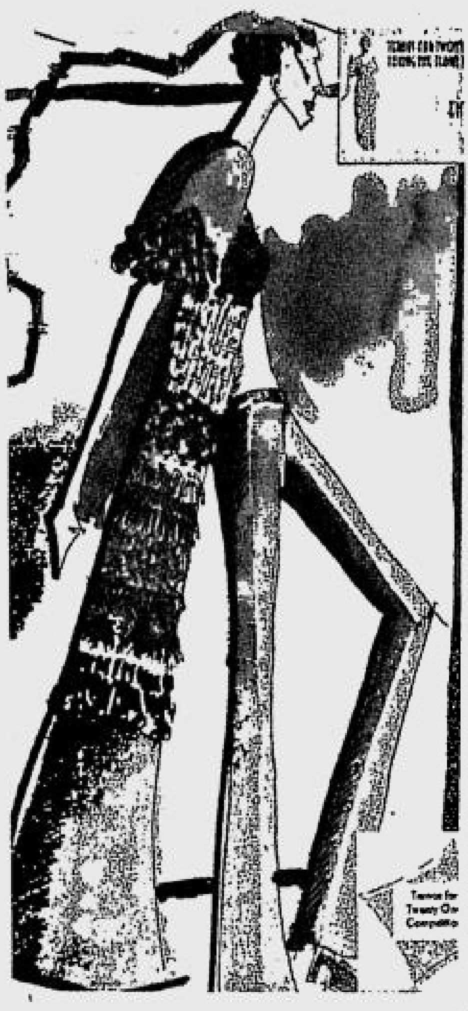

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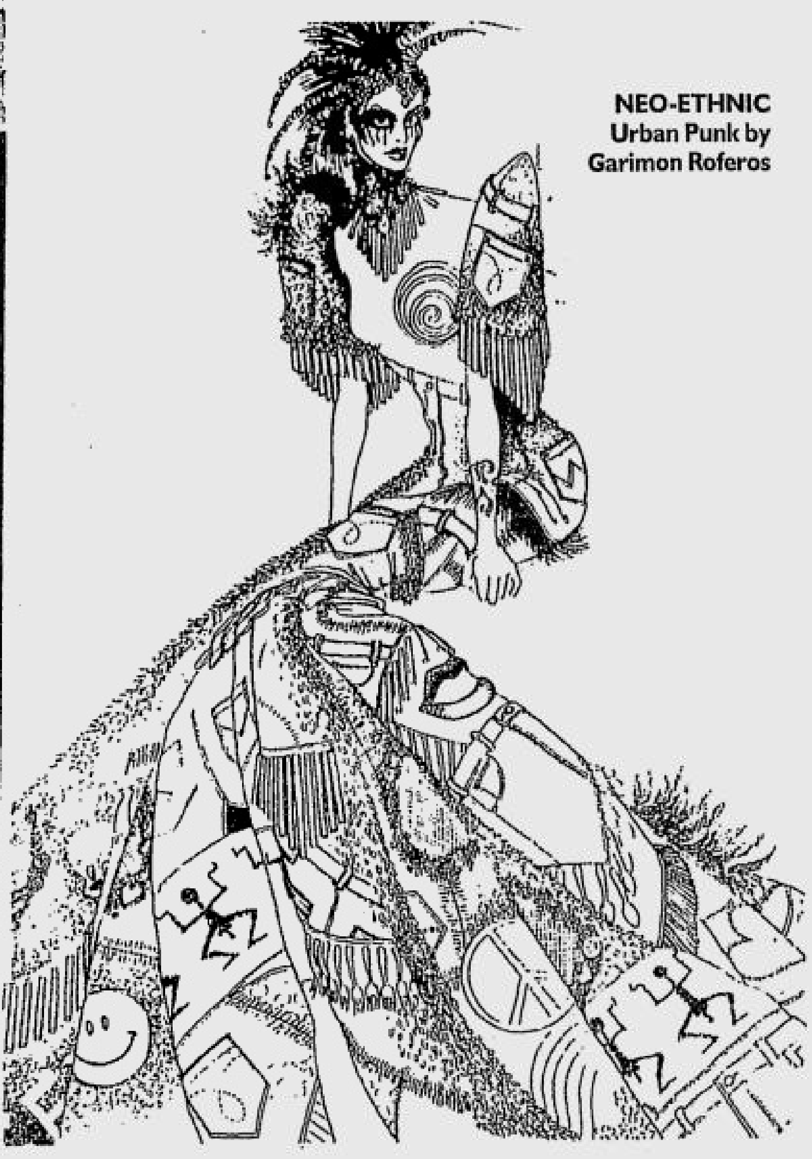

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The 'terno' a century hence

From page D1

from November to February. The creations of the finalists in the *terno* design contest will also become part of the exhibit after January.

Members of the Timeless Terno committee include Manalo, Celia Silang Cruz, Raul Manzano, Karen Santos, Pili Aquino and Bridges@com.

Proceeds of the project will go toward the museum's art and development programs.

Is 4-month relationship ripe for marriage?

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

How long should an engagement be before getting married? Last June, I was the bridesmaid in the wedding of a cousin. After the Mass, while waiting for my car to take me and some friends to the reception, a young man approached us. He was one of the guests and he told us his car was borrowed and asked if he could hitch a ride with us. Of course he could, and that was the start of a beautiful friendship.

During the party, another surprise came to me. When my cousin threw her wedding bouquet, it landed on my chest and all I had to do was take it. When dance music started, the young man danced with me several times. To make this happy story short, he courted me and we have been on for the past three months. He is the CEO in the company he works for, and by the grace of God, I also have a good position in a government office.

He has proposed marriage and insists he is eager to do the *pamanhikan*. He often visits me at home and my parents like him. I have not met his parents because they live in the province, but he says his father might even come here for the *pamanhikan*. What can you say about what is happening in my life? A blessing, or a trial? He insists we should get married this December so we can start the New Year right.

I know I love him, but there are doubts in my mind about getting married when we have known each other for just four months.

Should I say yes?

STELLA

First, thank God for all your blessings. A good job, and surely your parents are also fine, and now the young man who wants to be your husband.

All things work for the good of those who love the Lord.

My advice is for both of you to attend the Catholic Engaged Encounter [CEE]. The 51st marriage preparation weekend will be held Nov. 7-9 (Friday to Sunday). The fee is P3,500, surely very affordable. I still do not know the venue, but you can call Ana Madamba at 7266568 or Elisha Lirios at 7214153 for more information.

The CEE is a marriage preparation program for couples preparing for or seriously considering marriage. Participants get the opportunity to examine their lives together through communication.

For the weekend schedule for 2004, contact the ladies mentioned above, as well as Robbie and Bernadette Fabian, 8296182, or Dado and Cory Hipolito, 8100222. The priest in charge is Fr. Dave Clay, tel. 5233361. You can send an e-mail to ceephilippinrs@yahoo.com.

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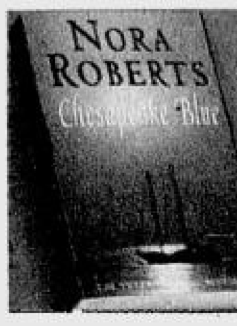
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Smells good enough to eat

L'OCCITANE Honey Body Balm

More and more body products are coming out that smell like our favorite childhood desserts

THERE's a trend in fashion that I'm very happy about: More and more body products are coming out that smell like our favorite childhood desserts.

Their success is probably due to the fact that these scents bring instant comfort and happy memories to users. This week, I have rounded up my favorites from Essences, PCX/First Aid and Lush and categorized them according to scent.

MAKEOVER 911

Kinny Salas

Vanilla

Vanilla is an aphrodisiac and a mild sedative that's justifiably considered a sexy scent.

A good example is Laura Mercier Crème Brulee Body Soufflé (P1,995 at Essences), which smells like the real thing and lasts all day. Yup, absolutely no need for cologne.

Initially, the cream smells too sweet, but it fades to a yummy scent as the day progresses. There's also a soap and body milk wash variant, but the body soufflé is what lasts.

L'Occitane's Vanilla Eau de toilette (P1,450 and P1,050 at Essences), on the other hand, offers shower gel and lotion. But even when I wear the cologne alone, people tell me I smell like goodies from a bakeshop—in short, good enough to eat!

Here's a great bargain—Just For Me: Vanilla Spice Shower Gel (P199.75 at PCX). You need only a small amount to lather on, but the scent is heavenly. The matching lotion is a good compliment (at P199.75), but the shower gel is the must-have, if only because it's rare to find a scent this lasting.

Terra Firma: Vanilla, Caramel and Vitamin E Body Butter (P650 at PCX) does not last all day like Laura Mercier Crème Brulee, but it's great for moisturizing normal to dry skin. It's best used after a shower, as it is not very effective on very dry skin. You may not be able to smell yourself after a while, but others surely would. Great too when used with Terra Firma shower gel and cologne.

Daintree Body Whip in Vanilla and Mandarin Orange (P655—small size and P1,200—big size) smells like luscious dessert crepes. And if you want vanilla-scented makeup, try Mac lipsticks and glosses (P700 to P900) and Movie cosmetics' lipsticks, powders and blushers (all under P1,000).

Honey

Aside from its sweet smell, honey is often cited for its soothing and healing properties.

Among the products that highlight honey's properties is Lush's Honey, I Washed the Kids soap (P140/100 grams). This smells like *leche flan* and leaves skin well-moisturized.

Another one is L'Occitane's Honey Harvest Line for face, body and home—yup, including incense and candles (at Essences). Kids would surely love this product, like the vanilla line.

My favorites are the Honey Water Spray (P1,450), which is alcohol-free and therefore would be gentle on babies' skin (it can even be sprayed on your hair!); and the Royal Propolis Honey Body Balm (P1,250), which is perfect for those with crocodile-dry skin and the driest heels, hands and elbows. A few swipes with this balm and your skin feels supple and silky again.

Chocolate

Terra Firma Macadamia Nut Body butter (P650 at PCX) smells like ice cream, with the milky scent of white chocolate.

Lush's Milky Bar (P140/100grams), on the other hand, is soya milk-based, but comes off smelling like white chocolate truffles.

Stone Spa's Angelfoodcake body mist (P995) also has strong notes of chocolate. This is a mild version of Thierry Mugler's Angel that even teens can wear.

Others worth mentioning are Johnson's Baby Milk Bath and Body Lotion, Just For Me: Green Tea shower gel and Allysa Ashley–Green Tea cologne (all available at PCX). These can work for both men and women of all ages.

L'OCCITANE Honey Gentle Water

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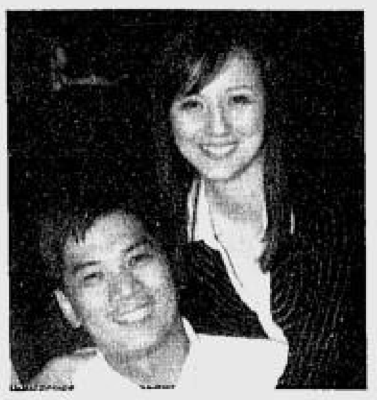

MANNY and Suzette Lopez

RENE Banzon with Sitoy de Guzman and Jimmy Hofilena

Wines, meats and mall fun for bazaar season

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen on Kodak Max

THE CATHOLIC Women's Club held the popular Casa Y Jardin Bazaar last Oct. 5. It will hold the same bazaar again this Oct. 19 at the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel InterContinental Manila from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This year's bazaars will have brand-new and unusual items, as well as traditional best sellers from some 115 vendors. On sale are art pieces and icons, silver from India, wood carvings from Indonesia, garments and lacquer from Vietnam, porcelain and house decor from China, and other things to splurge your money on, *palanggas.*

Proceeds will go to the Carmelite Monastery in Zamboanga, Elsie Gaches Village, Heart of Mary Villa, Sagip Kabataan, Southeast Asian Institute for the Deaf, Senden Home, Tuloy Don Bosco, Apelo Cruz and other beneficiaries.

Incredible Rex

It seems only yesterday that Filipino-American comedian **Rex Navarette** burst into the limelight as a comedian who makes fun of everyday Filipino life and culture. People still can't get enough of his humor, which only Filipinos (and a few foreigners who understand the Filipino way of life) can understand, natch!

Rex had one of his big shows to date at the NBC Tent at the Fort. The smashingly successful, huge event was sponsored by the Ateneo de Manila High School Foundation 1978. Dubbed "Incredible Rex," it raised tons of money for the next Ateneo alumni homecoming.

Despite the strong rains that night, it was a standing-room-only affair. The 1,200-strong audience consisted of die-hard Blue Eagles, with a pinch of La Sallites that included, *moi, palanggas.*

The usual "Tito Boy's Sala" and the "Bomba Betamax Tape" skits received the loudest laughs, but 30 percent of the show had new material. Many were laughing to the point of tears.

Class '78 will host what promises to be a fun homecoming on Dec. 6 at the Ateneo High School covered court.

Members of Batch '78 include **Rene Banzon**, businessman **Ting Feliciano**, class president and lawyer **Jimmy Hofilena**, stock broker **Noel Bautista**, restaurateur **Al Tengco**, businessman **Sitoy de Guzman** and **Tony Veloso.**

The show was sponsored by PLDT, Pepsi, Petron, San Miguel Beer, Argentina Corned Beef, Joey 92.3 and Stage Craft

Wine and meat

E & J Gallo and the Andresons Group, Inc., distributors of E & J Gallo Wines, hosted the "Parillada Party" for people who know what good wine is all about. The party launched the E&J Gallo's Sierra Valley Wines. The party was conceptualized by the master chef himself, **Gene Gonzalez**, and was held at the lush grounds of Cafe Ysabel.

"Parillada" (pronounced "parijada," meaning "grilled meats") originated from Argentina. It is an interesting process of grilling where the meat is "crucified" then placed over a big open flame.

The assortment of unimaginable meat served during the event included wild boar sausage, pork sausage, blood sausage, beef kidney, chincholin, NY striploin, ribeye, beef-belly, beef ribs, roast pork and whole lamb.

They were served with, interestingly, "grilled" sweet bread. "It tasted sooo good," said a carnivore.

That evening was not just an eating and drinking party, *palanggas.*It had the perfect upbeat Argentine music for extras. And it was also a learning experience as chef Gene "educated" the crowd on the basics on food and wine pairing.

More important, chef Gene gave a lesson on "tasting notes" for each Sierra Valley Wine—from the Sierra Valley Chardonnay to the Sierra Valley Sauvignon Blanc, Sierra Valley Meriot and, finally, Sierra Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

"The new Sierra Valley wine ensemble echoes Gallo's tradition of excellence and modern technology in wine-making. Each bottle conveys a distinct character, nurtured only from the finest vineyards of California," said **Loretta Lee**, marketing manager for the Asia Pacific of Gallo wines.

The evening was capped with delicious desserts of Rum Raisin Ice Cream and Creme Brulee. An unforgettable evening, indeed. Media members left after describing their gastronomical experience with "oohs" and "aahs."

Impressive ambience, gracious hosts, great food and fine wine... can an evening be more perfect than this?

Nueva Ecija's pride

The name alone suggests something huge, and that exactly is what the Megacenter is. The mall is one of the largest and most comprehensive malls in Nueva Ecija and Northern Luzon, *palanggas.*

The fab mall just celebrated its fifth anniversary with special activities for the locals of Cabanatuan City, including the grand opening of the bazaar center on the fifth floor.

The super happening was highlighted by the presence of **Ruth de Lara Guingona**, the wife of Vice President Teofisto Guingona. She was joined by Nueva Ecija Gov. **Tomas Joson III**, Cabanatuan Mayor **Julius Caesar Vergara** and Sen. **Loren Legarda.**

In her speech, Ms Guingona called for wholesome amusement centers where families can spend quality time.

Other hotshots included Vice Mayor **Raul Mendoza**, **Benjamin** and **Brigida Guingona**, businesswoman **Sylvia Sy**, Dr. **Alex** and **Mila Tankeh**, cosmo-Manille's socialites **Ching Cruz** and **Agnes Huibonhoa**, and attractive **Heloise Romualdez.** I served as the master of ceremonies.

Applauding Ms Guingona for her inspiring speech were Nueva Ecija business heavyweights such as **Jay Lazaro** of KFC, **Johnson Gumba** of of RRJ and Blues Bros, **Isidro de la Rosa** of Dickies Jeans USA, **Samuel del Rosario** of Wonderpark Amusement, **Leon Ngo** of Broadway Gems and **Conrado Evangelista** of David's Salon.

During the event, Senator Legarda donated books to the Eastern Cabanatuan National High School.

Also, the stars of ABS-CBN's "Tabing Ilog" conducted a mall tour for the anniversary. The stars included **Baron Geisler**, **Paula Paralejo** and **Jodi Santamaria.** They did several song-and-dance numbers for the screaming fans.

The Megacenter management, represented by **Florencia Huibonhoa** and her attractive daughters **Denise** and **Veronique Huinbonhoa**, was pleased with the vast turnout. They expressed their gratitude with the promise of "many more years of service to the locals of Cabanatuan City and our other neighboring towns."

LORETTA Lee, chef Gene Gonzales and Von Hizon, managing director for International Brands the Anderson Group Inc.

WILLIAM Stone of International Wine and Food Society and Andy Hicks, sales director for Southeast Asia, Gallo Wines

MICHAEL Beamish, sales director, Asia Pacific, Gallo Wines and Fil Junterreal, chair, International Wine and Food Society

THE DIFFERENT types of E&J Gallo's Sierra Valley Wines

SOUTHERN sugar baron Jorge Araneta

OTHER socialites included super pals Ching Cruz and Joji Sy

VICE Mayor Raul Mendoza; guest of honor, second lady Ruth Guingona; Florencia Huibonhoa, CEO and chair of Megacenter Mall; and Heloise Huibonhoa-Romualdez

VINCE and Celine Abella with Noel and Liaa Bautista

MARITESS Cabangon with Rachel de Guzman, Mia Reyes and Peachie Arriola

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MIKE Sandoval with Raffy Balmaceda, Anton Periquet and Bobby de Jesus

THE ATTRACTIVE four sisters Veronique Huibonhoa, Heloise Huibonhoa Romualdez, Denise Huibonhoa and Manille socialite Agnes Huibonhoa, with (seated) Mila, Cullen and Dr. Alejandro Tankeh

GOV. Tomas Joson looks on as Sen. Loren Legarda donated books to the Eastern Cabanatuan National High School

MAYOR Julius Vergara of Cabanatuan City

Calling all Assumption alumnae for Old Girls' Day 2003

ASSUMPTION Convent San Lorenzo Village, Makati's High School Class of '77, silver jubilarians during Velada practice

THE ASSUMPTION high school classes of 1978, 1973, 1963, 1953 and 1933, together with the Assumption Alumnae Association (AAA), invite all alumnae and their families to the homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 19 at the Assumption Antipolo, Sumulong Highway.

Traditionally called Old Girls' Day, this year's celebrating classes have dubbed the event "Made in Assumption," referring to the values and virtues the school had taught them.

The theme will be showcased in the afternoon program that the alumnae have been preparing for since August. Several alumnae from overseas have arrived for the celebration.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., followed by the election of the AAA Board of Trustees. Family members can enjoy Assumption Antipolo sights such as the Eco Park and Butterfly Garden.

There will be traditional games like the *tombola*, and food stalls and Assumption merchandise will be sold by participating classes.

The jubilee mass is at 10:30 a.m., to be followed by a sumptuous lunch of Assumption meat, cottage pie and, of course, the Assumption tart. The program begins at 2:30 p.m. in the state-of-the-art Assumpta Theater.

Shuttle buses from Assumption San Lorenzo to Assumption Antipolo will be available. Call 8943561 or 8943580.

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And there's more!

Catch Home and Beyond's "Isle of the Philippines Handicrafts Fair" on October 15 to 24 at the North Court of Power Plant Mall.

The exhibit showcases finely crafted furniture like dining sets, table and chairs that are skillfully carved out of molave, acacia, and pinewood by the best carvers and woodcraft experts from Bicol, Pampangga, Paete, and Abra. It also features an out of the ordinary collection of "runo" or bamboo stick furnishings, a finely crafted rocking chair patterned after the classic calesa, and an array of genuine handmade bags, parols, papier-mâché, paintings and souvenir items.

And from October 15-19 , mall patrons are in for a treat with an exquisite jewelry exhibit organized by the world-renowned Vicenza Group.

The Vicenza Trilogy Group is an elite circle of local jewelry manufacturers who regularly participates in Fiera di Vicenza jewelry trade fair in Italy. Two of their members, Sanara Silver and 7 Castles will feature a sterling silver collection while Mercelles, New Life Jewelry, Ilios Jewelers, and Jewelmer International, will open a treasure trove of gold, diamonds, and colored stones for public viewing. A striking 18-carat gold necklace adorned with precious stones will be Mercelles' centerpiece attraction.

This is just a sampling of what's in store for you at the WOW! Rockwell Sale.

Do you want more? Just mark your calendar: WOW! Rockwell Sale on October 15 to 19 at the Power Plant Mall at Rockwell Center. You wouldn't want to miss this.

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F4-inspired trendy hair designs

The entertainment industry today has a powerful influence on hair trends. Fans worldwide copy the hairstyles of their favorite celebrity. Whether it be Jennifer Aniston's shag, Meg Ryan's choppy bob or J.Lo's big hair, these stars carry hairstyles that become overnight successes. In Manila, the boy band sensation F4 has influenced hair trends.

David's Salon's Collection D4: His & Hers Styles was conceptualized by the David's Salon creative team together with Kiyomi Kiso, guest celebrity hairstylist from Singapore and international director of the renowned Shunji Matsuo Hair Studio.

Matsuo has seven salons in Singapore, including a hair academy, as well as a salon in Malaysia and a new salon opening in Shanghai in 2004.

Kiso started hairdressing in 1993 and has trained in Japan and New York. She has created hair designs for Kawakubo Lei (Commes Des Garcon), Nakayama Miho and Fukatu Eri. Her works have been published in top magazines such as An-An, Spring, Japan Vogue, American Vogue and the Mango catalogue. She has also done hair for fashion shows such as the Tokyo Collection 2000 to 2002, New York Collection 1999, Moschino and Commes Des Garcon, among others.

Joining Kiyomi in Manila is Ka-Ren Lai, principal/technical director of the Shunji Matsuo Hair Studio. She has also trained in London, Singapore, Hong Kong, Scotland and Japan and has created hair designs for top fashion labels such as Anne Klein, Christian Lacroix, Iceberg, Donna Karan, Jean Paul Gaultier, among others.

With their aid, David's created a collection of four hairstyles called Classic Vic, Kool Ken, Jammin' Jerry and Vibrant Vaness, all a cool take on your favorite F4 artist.

Check out the Collection D4 stylebooks in any one of David's Salon branches. The salon's creative team include Doris Anagap of David's SM City Main, Klent Tubigon of David's SM Megamall I, Clifford Gorospe of David's SM Megamall I, Abet Besitula of David's SM Manila, Bernard Hora of David's SM City Carpark, Armand Bonhoc of David's Podium, Edgar Aguete of David's Vito Cruz, David's Salon trainer Edmund Genosa of David's SM Megamall II and David's Salon trainer Lorna Sandoval of David's Podium.

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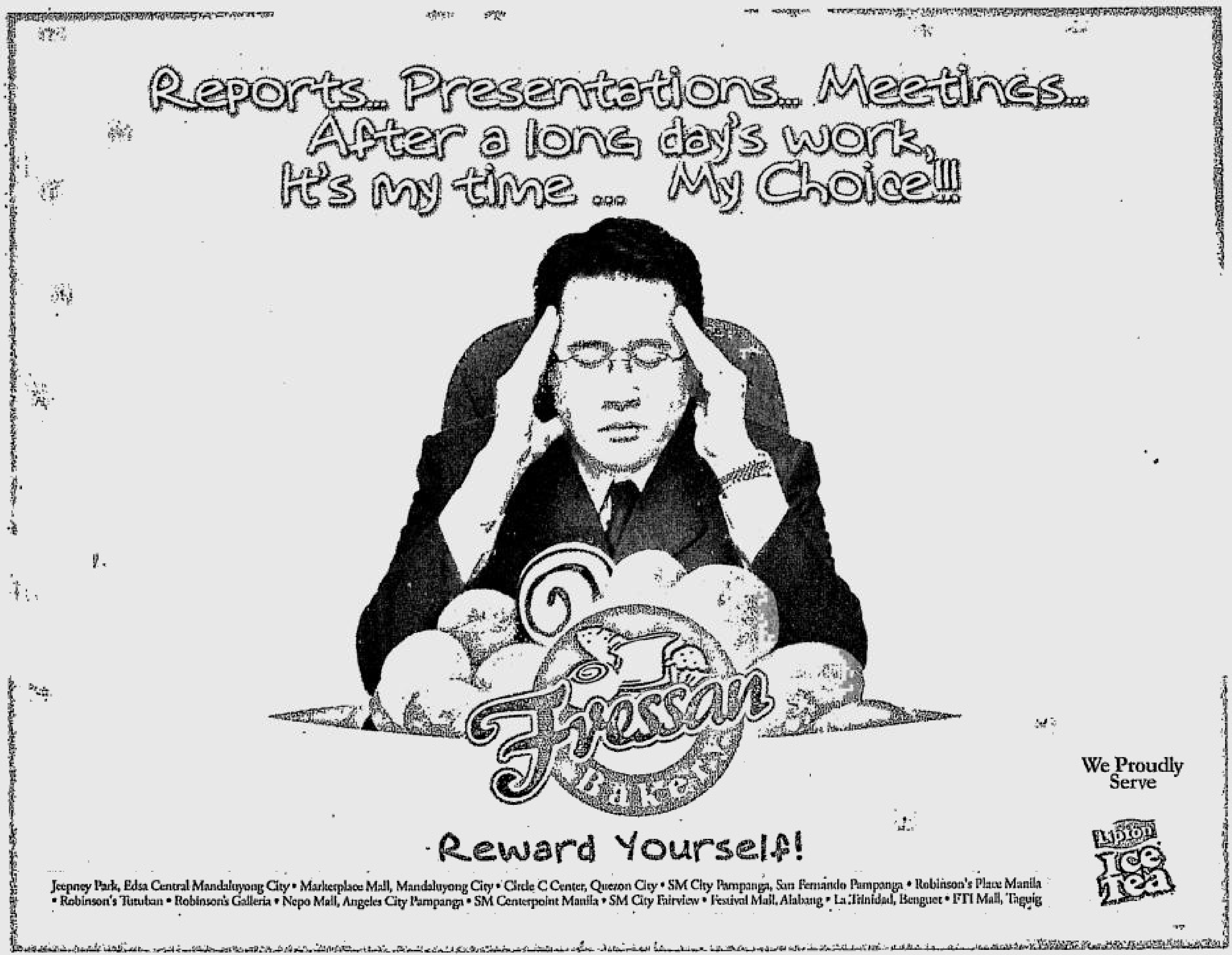

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LIFESTYLE Trend Spotting

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Speeches were more 'memorable' than the gowns, with Snooky Serna thanking even her caterer

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

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Was Alma Moreno that desperate for attention or was she just plain clueless? In what was billed as a dance number, she showed nothing new onstage as she tossed her pony-

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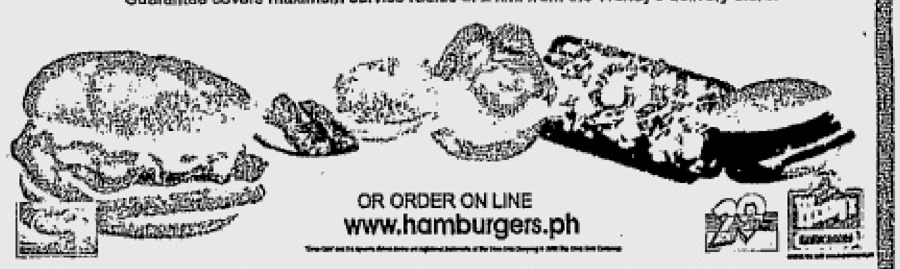

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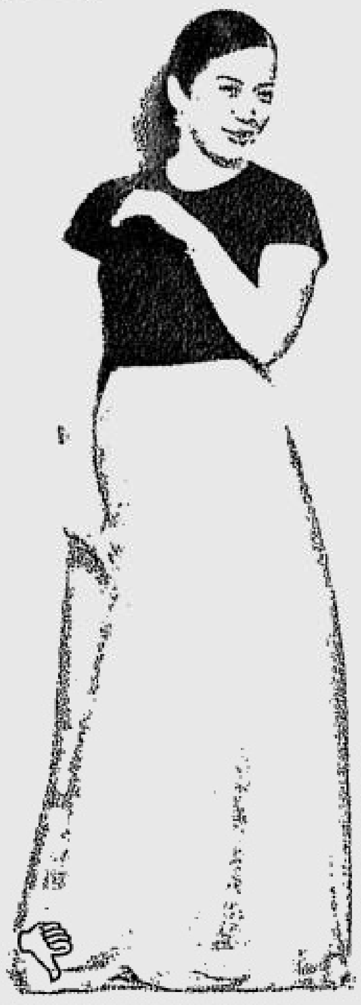

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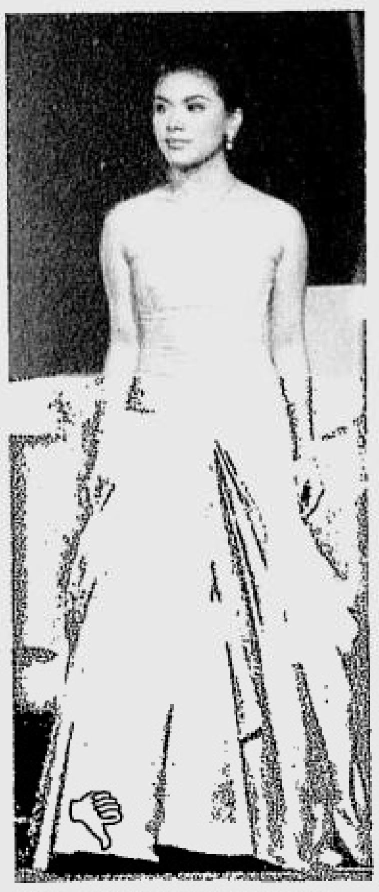

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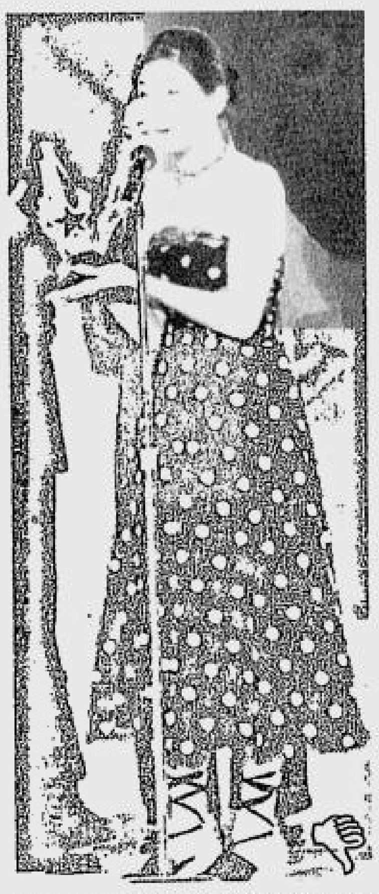

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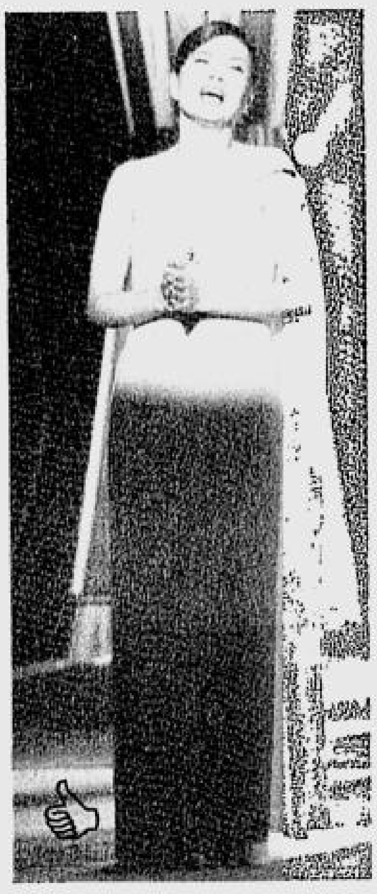

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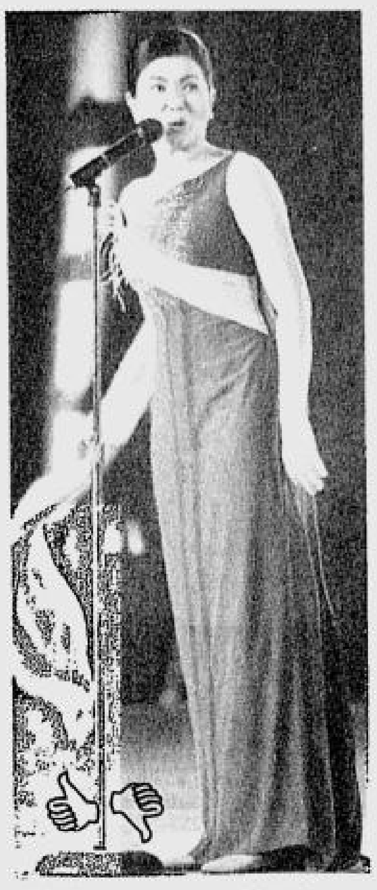

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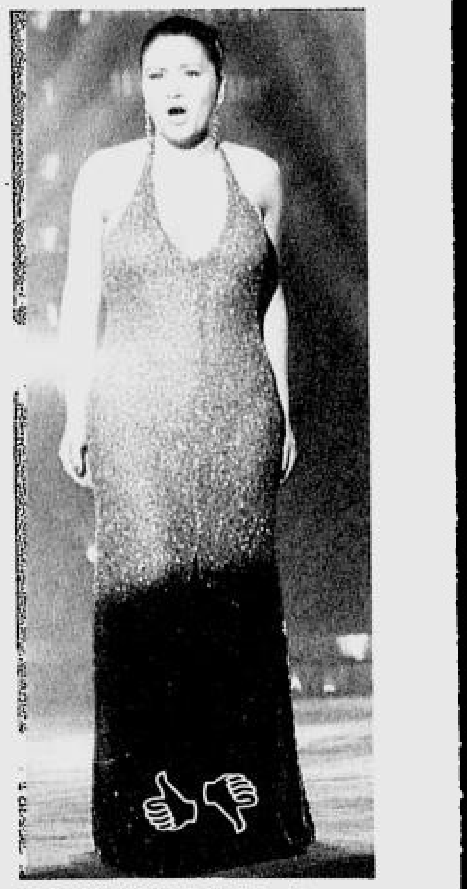

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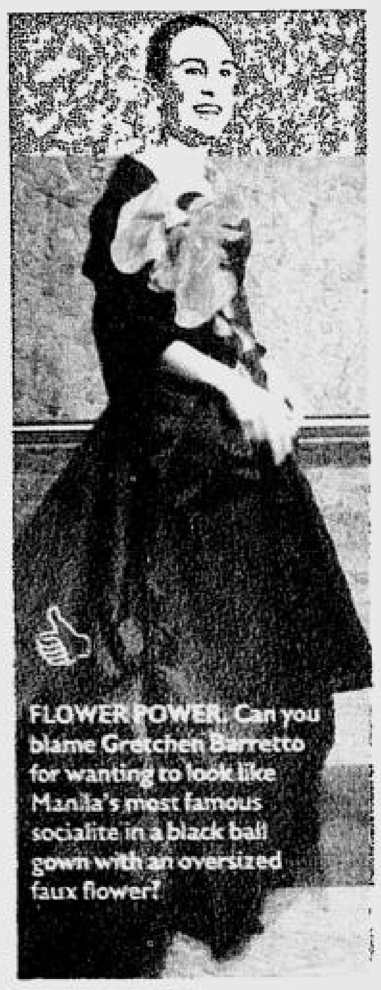

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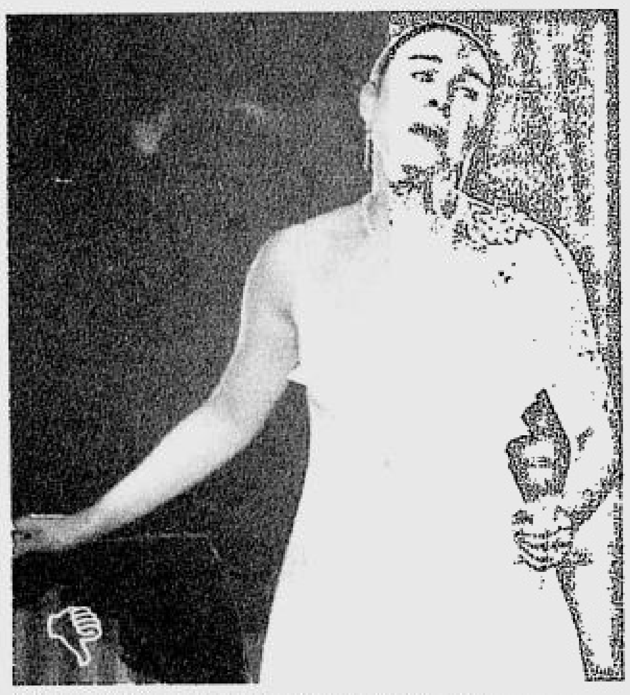

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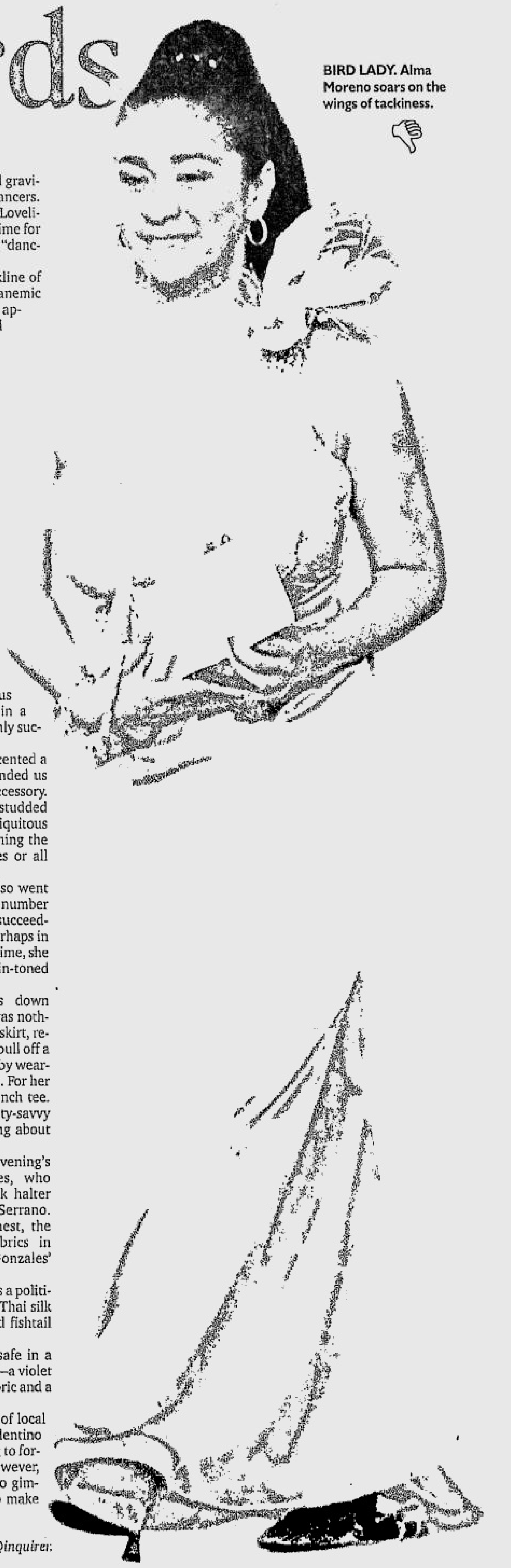

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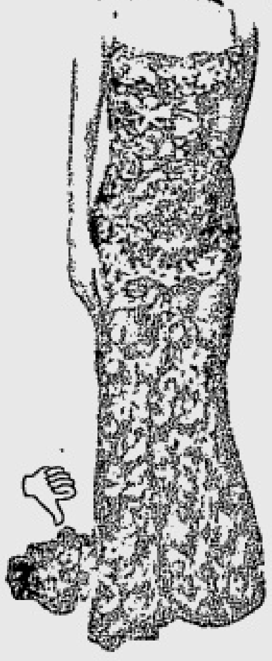

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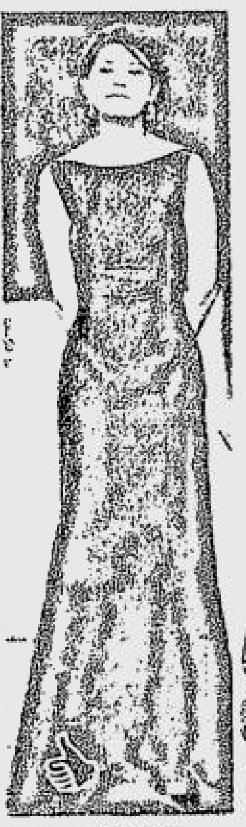

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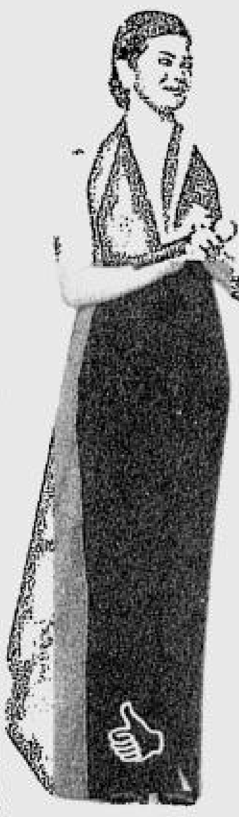

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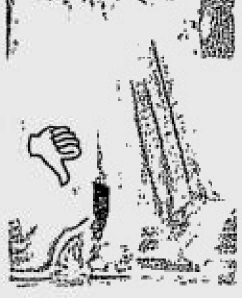

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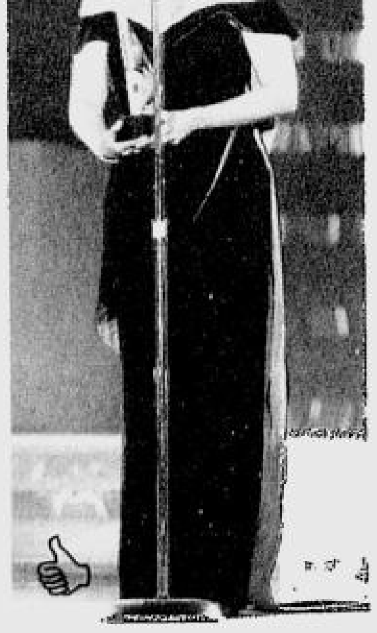

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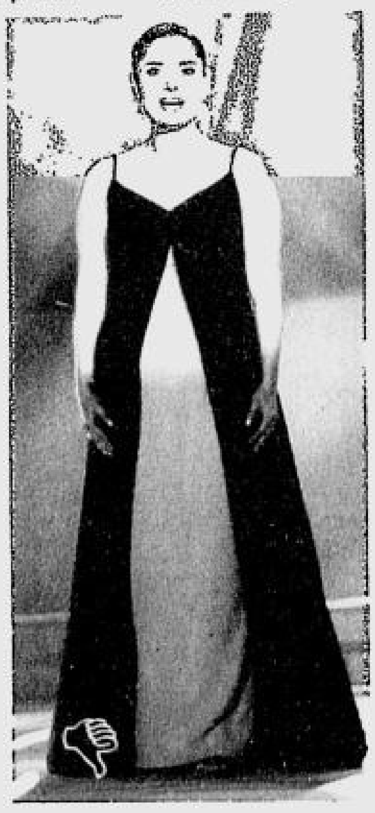

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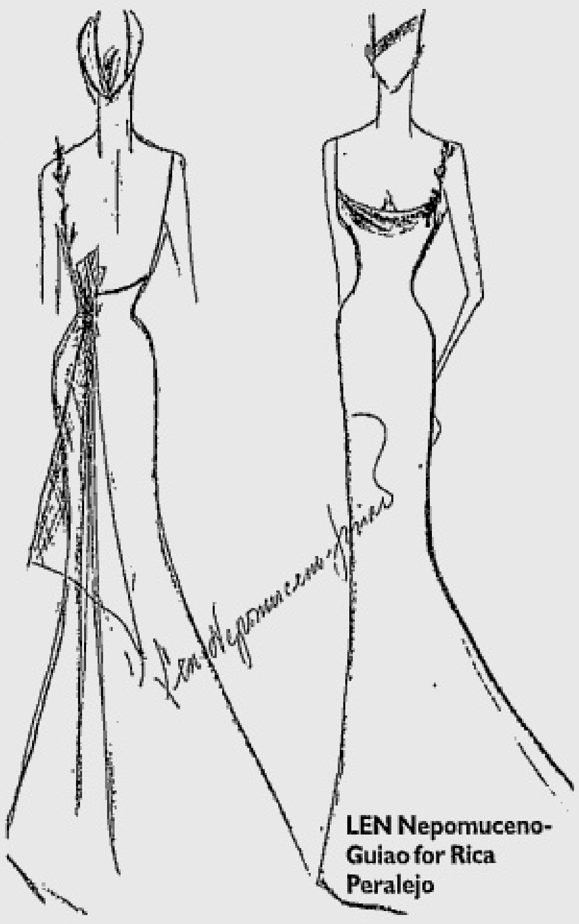

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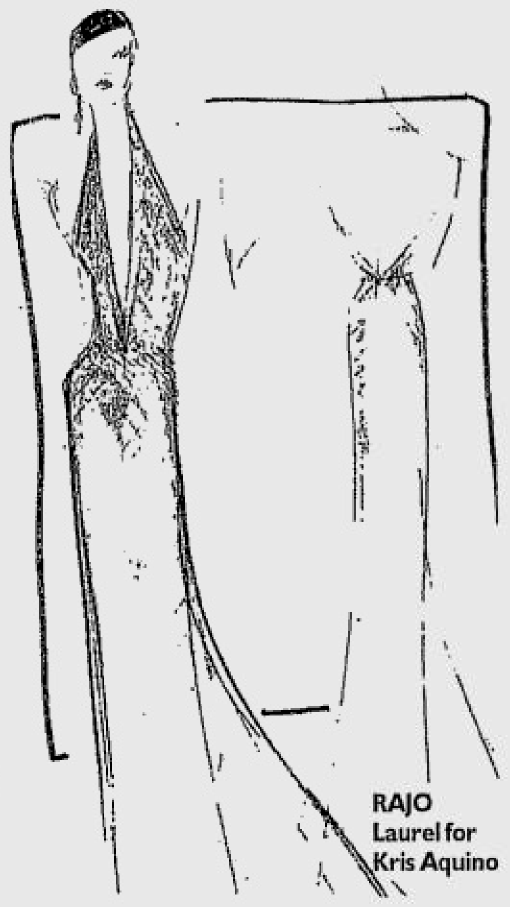

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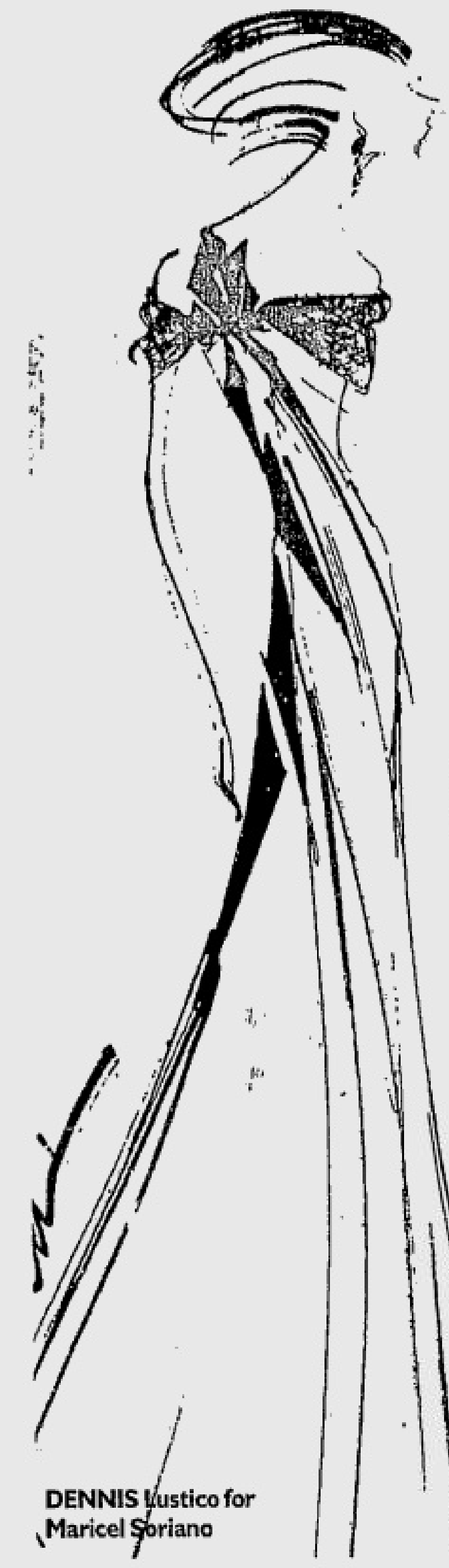

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Network stars to shine in couture creations

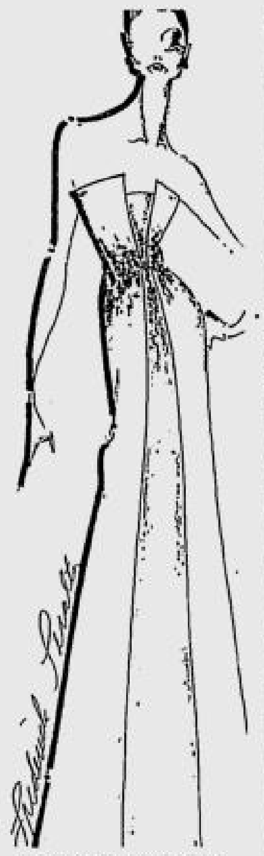
METRO Magazine has gathered 15 top designers to create the gowns of ABS-CBN stars for the network's 50th anniversary extravaganza tonight at the PICC Plenary Hall.

The spectacular event will bring together ABS-CBN stars from the past and the present to walk down the red carpet. An hour before the actual program, the arrival and parade of stars will be covered live by ANC, to be hosted by Jing Magsaysay and Pinky Webb.

The 50th anniversary event will be aired as a two-hour TV special on ABS-CBN on Oct. 26, 9:30 p.m.

Rajo Laurel created a lime green, fully beaded, haltered gown with backless detail for Kris Aquino. Len Nepomuceno-Guiao did an oyster-colored one-piece duchess satin gown in low back and tulle accent for Rica Peralejo. Dennis Lustico did a lilac Italian satin gown with hand-painted streaks for Maricel Soriano.

For Aubrey Miles, Frederick Peralta created a structured paneled Mikado silk in two-toned colors, with an A-line gown. Heart Evangelista got a a canary yellow bolero in tulle with Charleston skirt from Vittorio, and for Sunshine Cruz, Eric Pineda made a strapless column in black silk crepe with an asymmetric bodice ruched in black and white silk chiffon.



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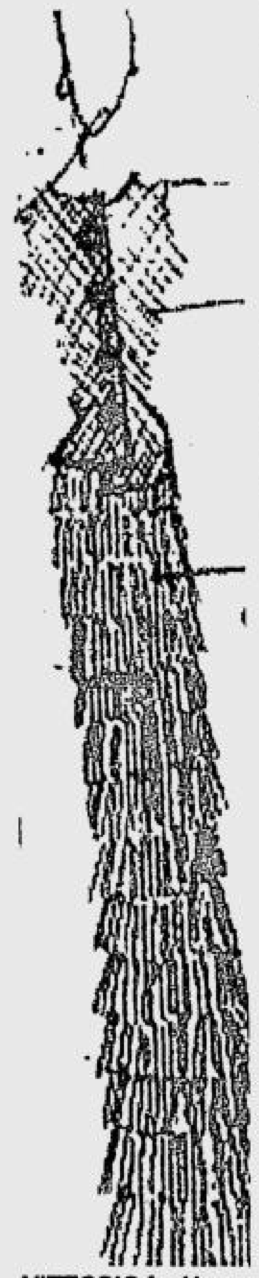

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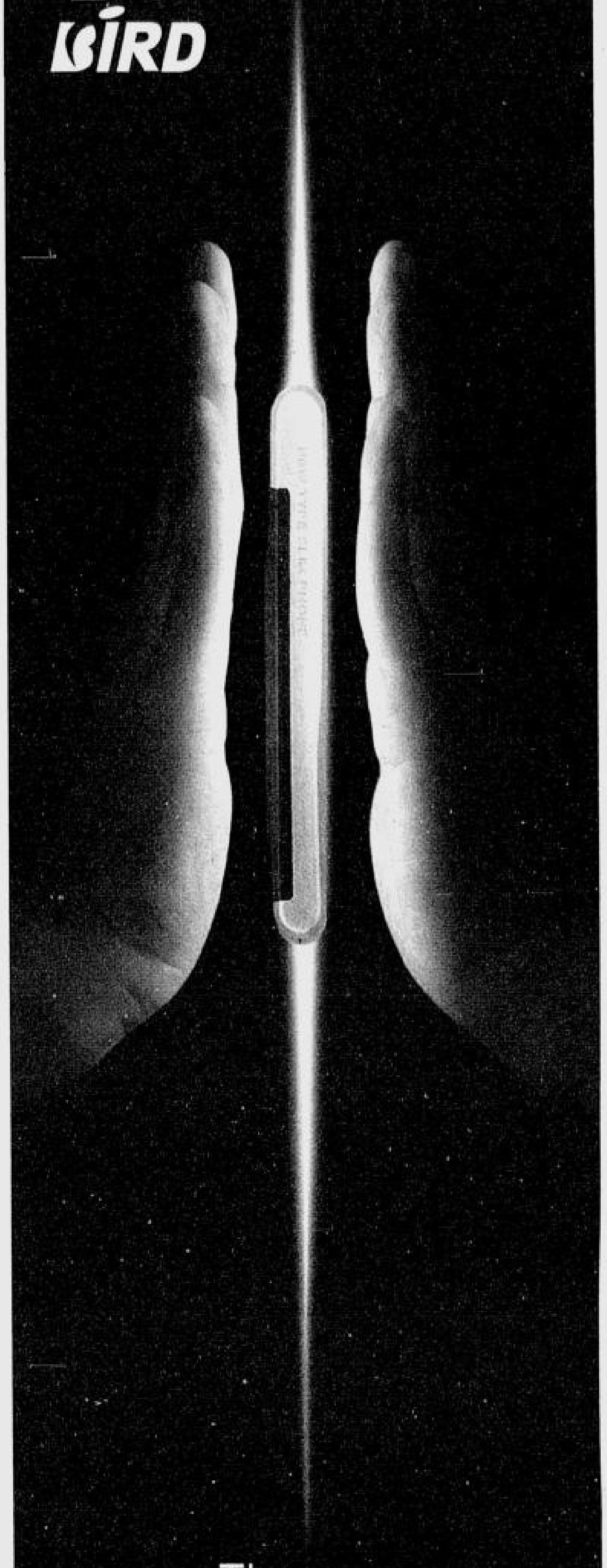

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Apo and Parokya in concert with Blue Eagles and Eaglets

GOINGS ON

A CONCERT featuring Ateneo talents Apo Hiking Society and Parokya ni Edgar will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the Ateneo College Covered Courts in Loyola Heights. The event, "Win or Lose, It's The Concert We Choose," will raise money for the Ateneo Scholarship Foundation. The Ateneo basketball teams— the UAAP juniors champion Blue Eaglets and the seniors, runner-up Blue Eagles, and the Lady Eagles—will also perform.
Tickets at P300 and P500 are available at the Ateneo Alumni Office and at the gate.

STA. LUCIA East Grand Mall will hold its Pre-Xmas Xtravaganza Midnight Sale today, from 10 a.m.-midnight. Choose from a wide selection of merchandise from the department store, supermarket, Home Gallery, Planet Toys and over 200 boutiques that offer up to 50-percent discount.

CONCERT. The Assumption Class of High School '77 invites all retro music lovers to Red Plaid Rockin', featuring the Spirit of '67 band tonight at 7 p.m. at Ardi's Restaurant Bar and Grill, 148 Jupiter St., Makati.

HOME SALE. Handyman and Handyman Do It Best are holding an "Organize and Optimize" Sale until Oct. 30. A number of home improvement demonstrations and classes will also be held, among them: "Basic Installation of Kitchen Sinks and Toilet Lavatories and Faucets" on Oct. 18, 11 a.m. at the activity center of Robinsons Dasmariñas, and "Basic Use of Power Tools" on Oct. 18 at Robinsons Metro East and on Oct. 25, 11 a.m. at the activity center of Robinsons Place Sta. Rosa. Visit Handyman ahd Handyman Do It Best stores at Robinsons malls, Waltermart stores and other leading shopping centers nationwide.

SALE. Play and Display holds a storewide celebration sale until Oct. 19. All furniture and accessory items, including new arrivals, are sold at discounted prices. Avail of these items at showrooms located at 6797 Ayala Avenue, Glorietta, SM Megamall, SM City North, SM City Pampanga, Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Festival Supermall and Alabang Town Center.

TRADE FAIR. The Department of Trade and Industry Region V presents Orgullo Kan Bikol regional trade fair 2003 until Oct. 19 at SM Megamall. Eighty-one Bicol manufacturers, producers and exporters exhibit and sell their products.

FUNDRAISER. The Friends for Cultural Concerns of the Philippines will hold its fundraising dinner dance on Oct. 24 at Rizal Ballroom of Makati Shangri-La Hotel.

SALE. American Express cardmembers are entitled up to 70-percent discount on world-class brands in The American Express Members Only Sale. It will be held on Oct. 22-25 at Rustan's department store in Makati.

EXHIBIT. The Manila Chapter of Mother Butler Mission Guilds will hold its 48th annual exhibit of church vestments, linen and altar equipment on Oct. 18-20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at social hall of Caritas Compound, 2002 Jesus St., Pandacan, Manila.

SALE. AVSurfer offers shoppers 0-percent interest on Sony products until Oct. 19 at the third floor, between Fabio Salsa and Pacific Wharf, Power Plant, Rockwell, Makati City. On Oct. 29, AVSurfer will have another exhibit at the same area. Call 8981828/1833/2329.

CONTRACT SIGNING
METRO Magazine, in collaboration with Ponds Prevent and Correct cream, will stage "Metro Wear," the biggest fashion event of the year on Oct. 30 at Studio 10 of ABS-CBN's ELJ Communication Center. The event will showcase fashion trends for 2004 by top 24 designers from the Fashion Design Council of the Philippines. Shown at the contract signing for Metro Wear are (seated) FDCP officers Jojie Lloren and Randy Ortiz, with Apogee Productions president Albert Almendralejo and Metro Group's brand manager Apa Ongpin; (standing) PJ Aranador, Metro Wear's show director Ariel Lozada and Tonichi Nocum.

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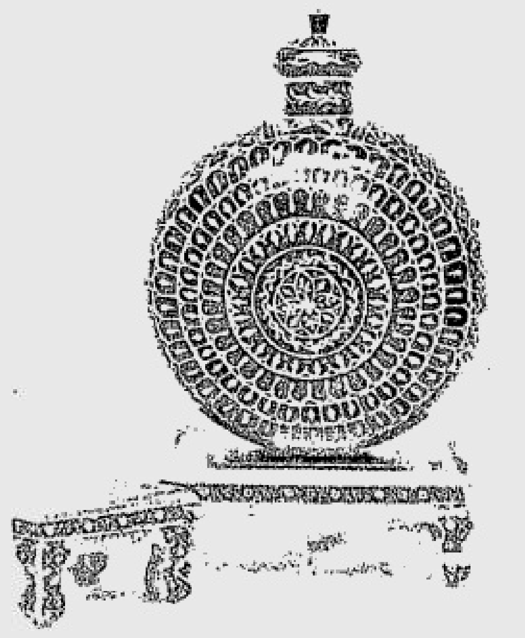


Big antiques sale in Davao

DAVAO City prides itself as home of the *waling-waling*, the "queen of orchids"; Mount Apo, the country's highest peak; *durian*, the "king of fruits,"; the majestic Philippine eagle, the Philippines' national bird; and the Kadayawan sa Dabaw, one of the most celebrated festivals in the Philippine southern frontier.

Aside from these, Davao has another distinction: the presence of Mana-Davao, "the country's biggest antique showroom."

The 3,850-sq m showroom is located at J.P. Laurel Avenue in Bajada, Davao City. Its owner, Henry G. Babiera, proprietor of Mana Casa Artes y Antigos, is a much sought-after art and antique dealer in Asia.

Babiera has traveled the world for the past 18 years in search of unique and rare items for his local and foreign clients.

"Special antiques are worth living for, especially the masterpieces," he says. "That's why centuries-old art and antique pieces are still in the hands of avid collectors, because they really enjoy the beauty of the antiques they treasure."

For its fourth anniversary, Mana-Davao offers 30-percent discounts from Oct. 28 to Dec. 30. The anniversary theme is "Make your House a Home."

Among the pieces on sale are European brassware and ornaments, European furniture and furnishings, antique porcelains, jars and pottery, Oriental arts, Philippine turn-of-the-century furniture and furnishings, wooden and ivory religious icons, Venetian cut-class mirrors and frames, Italian frames and mirrors, special blown-glass vases and ornaments, shades and lamps, paintings, Art Noveau pieces and high-end collectibles.

Mana also has a branch in Parañaque City, and will soon open branches in Cebu and Guam. Call 2271035.

One-stop shop for landscapers

IF YOU'RE planting your first garden or giving new life to an old one, there's a new place to go to for your landscaping needs.

Green 2000 Garden Center, the one-stop garden shop, launches its new store, Landscape Unlimited, on Oct. 24 at the Manila Seedling Bank Foundation compound corner Edsa and Quezon Ave., Quezon City.

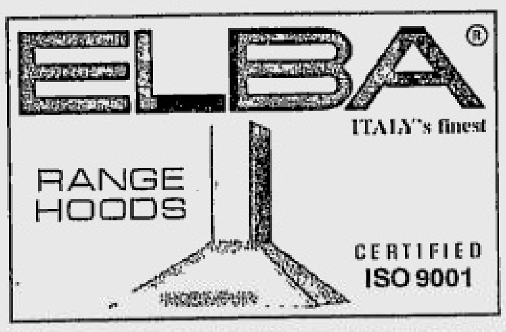
The store offers landscaping products, designs, services and information. It will carry landscaping needs like pots of various sizes and materials, seeds, soils, plants, gardening tools and equipment, and stones in varying colors.

Rocks and boulders, tiles, garden accessories, furniture, lighting, portable greenhouses, trellis and others will also be available.

The store will also showcase works by five leading landscapers—Yuyong Lao, Jimmy Floro, Oliver Ang, Jerome de Jesus and Francis Gener—that will demonstrate the use of stones, rocks and boulders; plants, flowers and trees, including herbs for garden designs. Popular water gardens will also be on exhibit.

Green 2000 Garden Center will also launch a Hydroponic Demo Farm.

Green 2000's Landscape Unlimited and Hydroponic Demo Farm is open 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday to Sunday. Call 4342347.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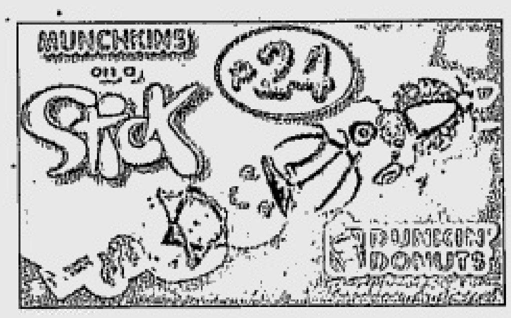

EARTH star bromeliads on antique 'plantsa'

The new, the old and the rare in Los Baños show

Text by Tita V. Giron
Photos by Linda B. Bolido

ONE of the pleasures of going to the Los Baños flower and garden show is the chance to see rare and new plants from the private gardens of collectors and the nurseries of plant breeders.

Among the pleasant surprises at the ongoing show in the senior social garden of the University of the Philippines Los Baños were collections of rarely seen cycads and antique garden furniture. Varieties of ornamental plants for shade locations, as well as scented vines, also make a trip to the show worthwhile.

What makes this garden event different is its showcasing of new plants created by breeders and hobbyists around the university. We saw at the Insti

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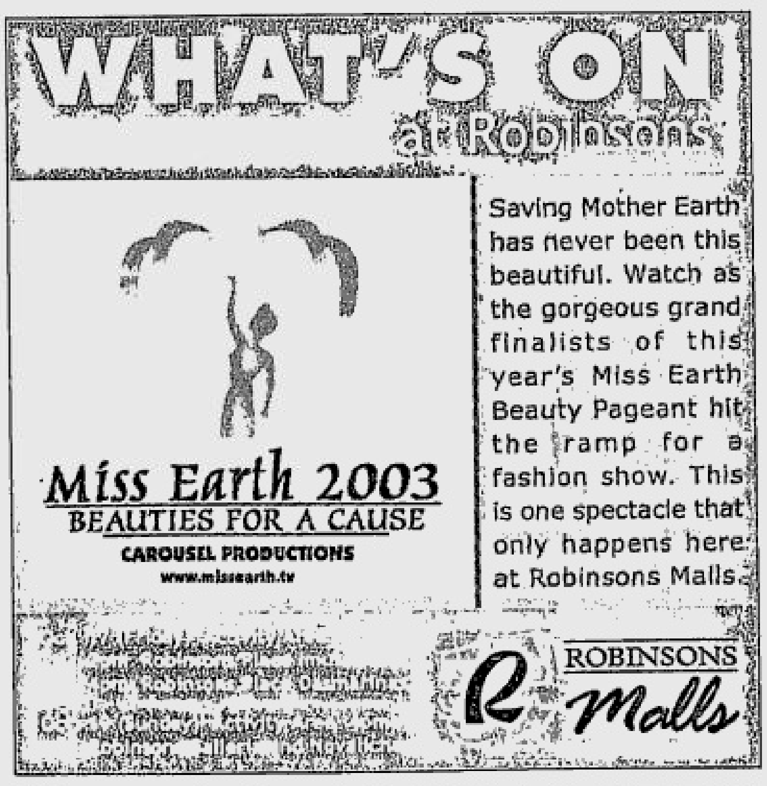
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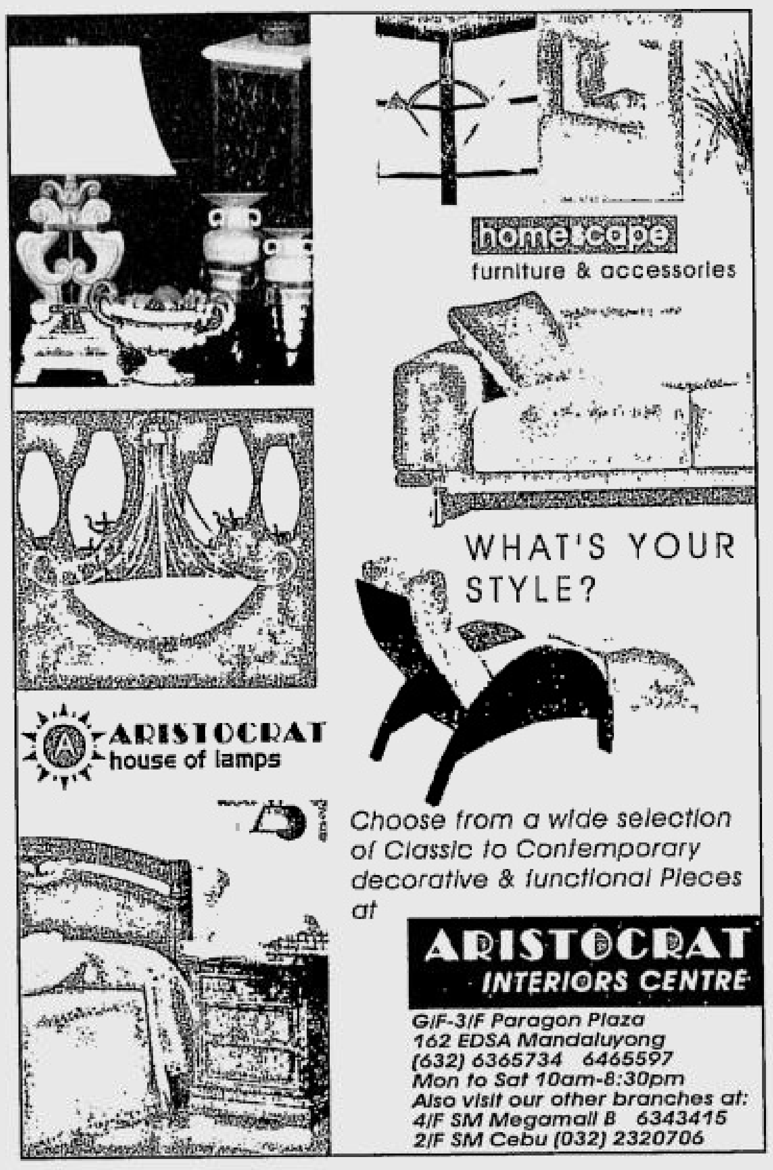
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MESSAGES

Today, as we commemorate the founding of our province, let us once more gaze up to heaven and utter a prayer of thanksgiving and deliverance. Let us fervently implore the guidance of Divine Providence in all things we do, in all the things we dream and aspire for.

As we begin to look back into the traces of our history, do let us ponder the achievements, the rare nuggets of wisdom of our forefathers, the principles and virtues they upheld in going about their struggles for freedom from human bondage.

And so, for hundreds of years we have gone this far; for that long a time in the annals of our glorious and difficult past, they have metamorphosed into what we are now. We must treasure their indelible mark in our collective psyche, inspiring us to live life with meaning, with devotion, with fruitful endeavors. We pride in calling it now Kasanggayahan, a true imprimatur of gregariousness, fulfillment, equity, industry bundled into one encompassing thought of love and solidarity.

KASANGGAYAHAN IS A GRAND EPISODE of Sorsoganons, if only to let it be known that we are a distinct people, a people eternally looking into the positive outlook of existence.

Kasanggayahan is a capsulized modernity immersed in a bucket of our rich heritage. Kasanggayahan is taking up the elevating spirit of art, culture, tradition and religion.

Kasanggayahan is an encumbered expression of endearment to one another; it is the balm that diminishes the drudgery, the cares of this troubled world at this time.

Today, as ever, I urge you all to come with me with greater focus and sensitivity on what we can effectively do to help build an edifice of progress, peace and prosperity in these parts. I call upon you to muster enough courage and resiliency, enough moral uprightness for the sake of the next tenants after us.

The call of the day is service via sacrifice and responsibility. Let us all take the challenge.

Happy Kasanggayahan to all!

Bangon Sorsogon!!!

RAUL R. LEE
Governor

"The glory of God is man fully alive." - St. Irenaeus

Fullness of life. That is what Kasanggayahan is all about. It is our mission at the Kasanggayahan Foundation, Inc. It is the dream and aspiration of every Sorsoganon. It must be the commitment of every public official. It must be the thrust of our government programs.

Fullness of life. We celebrate it every year during the Kasanggayahan Festival commemorating the Anniversary of the Foundation of the Province of Sorsogon. On this occasion, we celebrate the efforts we share in order to pursue our dream and aspiration. But the festival is a reminder of the mission yet to be accomplished. We must be one and united.

This year is the 109th anniversary of the foundation of the province. And so, we REMEMBER, we CELEBRATE, we BELIEVE ... Sorsogon is the Land of Kasanggayahan. This means, we can, if we want to be, a people that enjoys the gift of PEACE, PROGRESS and PROSPERITY.

It is, therefore, my plea and prayer that together we join hands in making our dream a reality. May the God of peace, the God Who unfolds history, bless our endeavors and bring us to progress and prosperity.

Welcome to Kasanggayahan Festival 2003.

MSGR. FRANCISCO P. MONJE
President
Kasanggayahan Foundation, Inc.

"Kasanggayahan, a life of prosperity."

For a long 109 years since Sorsogon was granted its new identity as a separate province from Albay, much gains and progress have already been realized. Albeit that the progress made is still a far cry from being a truly prosperous province as envisioned by our forefathers, we, Sorsoganons, are persevering and patient to attain this almost unreachable vision.

As evidence, Sorsogon is now a very dynamic province where its full potentials are slowly being uncovered and developed.

With the celebration of the 2003 Kasanggayahan Festival to commemorate the Foundation of Sorsogon Province, I call on all fellow Sorsoganons to contribute their share so that the grind of progress in the province continues in high gear.

I join my provincemates with a festive mood during the festival.

I am proud to be a Sorsoganon!

FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO
Representative, 1st District

In behalf of the 2nd District of Sorsogon, please allow me to extend my most cordial felicitations to the officers of the Kasanggayahan Foundation, Inc. as we celebrate our Kasanggayahan Festival.

I hope that this event will inspire all Sorsoganons to meet the challenges presented by the uncertainties o global and regional concerns, and will enable us to harness our strength towards building a better future or us and our loved ones.

Mabalos.

JOSE G. SOLIS
Representative, 2nd District

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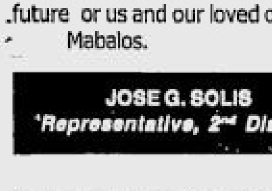

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The Kasanggayahan Festival 2003

Every October of each year, the ***Kasanggayahan* Festival** is celebrated in Sorsogon in commemoration of its foundation as a Province. It is a province-wide festival, with the center of activities in Sorsogon City.

Kasanggayahan is an old Bikol word, the meaning of which can be gleaned from this short verse:

> "When the fields are green and the grains are golden; when the machines work well and all business prosper; when the birds in the sky chirp freely and men on earth are peacefully happy; in Bikol, it is KASANGGAYAHAN, meaning, a life of prosperity."

The ***Kasanggayahan* Festival**, which is listed by the Department of Tourism as one of the annual Philippine Festivals, is celebrated with a series of cultural, historical, religious, agro-industrial and economic activities, showcasing Sorsogon's abundant agricultural products, particularly food and native arts and crafts, especially those made from the versatile Pili Tree, which is indigenous to the province.

The Festival is highlighted by the inimitable ***Pantomina sa Tinampo.***

Pantomina, a traditional Bikol dance, is known as a dance of love and courtship – actually the "dance of the doves" or "*sinalampati*" (*salampati* is Bikol for dove), as it was then known before the coming of the Spanish colonizers. The *Pantomina*, or "pantomime", imitates, in dance, the courtship and lovemaking of the doves. And this is a popular native dance all over Bikol. But it is only in Sorsogon where this is danced in the streets, or "*tinampo*", by droves of eager dancers wearing colorful native attire, as they cajole and coax tourists and onlookers to join in the fun and merrymaking, partake of *tuba*, the native coconut wine; and *lechon*, or roast pig, carried by dancers as they swing and sway and do their love dance down the streets of Sorsogon.

welcome home BALIK SORSOGANONS

Warm and straight from the heart, Sorsogon beckons and welcomes you.

Sorsogon, one of the six Bikol provinces, and located at the southernmost tip of Luzon island – the gateway to the South of the Philippines – offers the jaded visitor a new experience . . . unexplored and undiscovered, pristine and green vistas . . . Mother Nature at its best.

The entire province is one big eco-tour package. With Sorsogon City – the capital and seat of government – as jump-off point, all the eco-tour destinations within the province are easily accessible, including the singularly exciting, high adventure Whale Shark or ***Butanding* Interaction** activity off the waters of Donsol, Pilar, Castilla, Magallanes, and Bacon District of Sorsogon City; a rare nature-commune at the Mt. Bulusan Natural Park and its mystical **Bulusan Mountain Lake**, with its exotic flora and fauna; the province's magnificently colorful dive sites and marine sanctuaries; mysterious caves with interesting folk legends to explore; hot springs and healing mineral water spas to soak in, relax and unwind; the picturesque little islands within Sorsogon Bay and off Matnog, offering fine white, black or pink sand beaches; the historical landmarks, including old churches, ancient houses and monuments, historic ruins of *baluartes, murallas*, and *astilleros* or ancient shipyards; and local arts and crafts.

Sorsogon offers the visitor a wide variety of diversions, including SCUBA diving, snorkeling, sport fishing, swimming, boating, island-hopping, sunbathing, beachcombing, mountain climbing, biking, hiking, spelunking, or just simply touching base with nature at its pristine best. Or revel in the pageantry, celebration and merrymaking during its numerous festivals and barrio fiestas, and imbibe and experience its rich cultural heritage.

In Sorsogon, you will never run out of things to do, sights to see, places to go to, folk celebrations to join and enjoy.

This is Sorsogon, the **Land of *Kasanggayahan*** – a land of peace, serenity, lush scenery, and happy and hospitable people. Sorsogon – one big eco-tour package!

Welcome to Sorsogon – the Province and the City!

Bulusan Lake

Sabic Beach, Matnog
Photo by Chito Belentin

JOIN THE PEOPLE OF SORSOGON AND BICOLANOS IN DANCING THE PANTOMINA SA TINAMPO!

Swimming with the BUTANDING

. . . . the gentle giant of the sea

Swimming with a **Whale Shark**, locally known as *Butanding* (scientific name: **Rhincodon typus**) is the epitome of wildlife encounters – an experience of a lifetime, a nature enthusiast or ecotour fanatic cannot afford to miss.

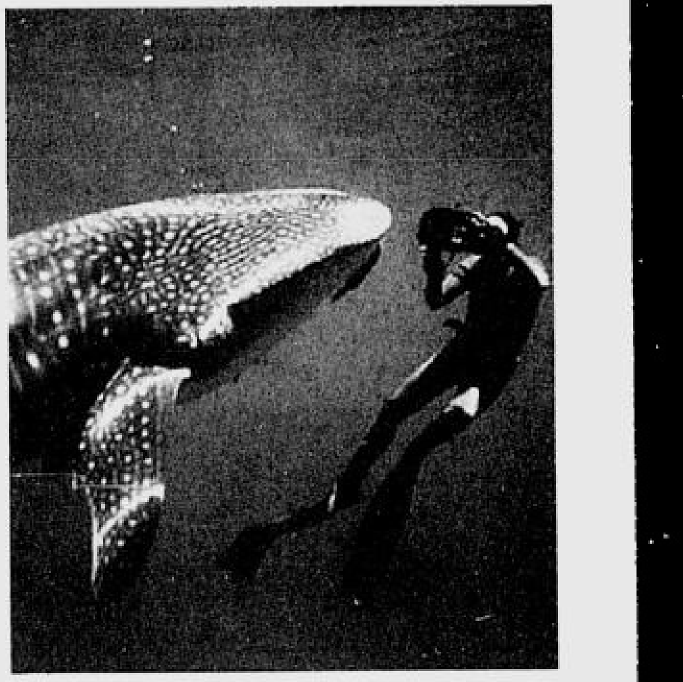
And such a singular experience is offered, nowhere else, but in the waters off Sorsogon Province, particular in the waters off Donsol, Pilar, Castilla, Magallanes and Bacon, where one can watch and interact with a *Butanding*, or even several – some 10 to 15 of them at any one time during the *Butanding* season. Such a phenomenon cannot be found in other parts of the country, or even in other parts of the world – not even in Ningaloo Bay in Australia where one can watch a Whale Shark one at a time on lucky days, and one has to rely on fish finders and helicopters to spot one.

In fact, Donsol, where the Butandings are most numerous, is now dubbed as the **"Whale Shark Capital of the World"**. It is in the waters off Donsol, or just at the mouth of the Donsol River, where such a phenomenally large number of Whale Sharks congregate, cavort and caper.

These gentle giants of the sea – considered the largest fishes in the world measuring from 15 ft. to as long as 40 ft. in length, have been observed to converge in the waters off Donsol starting sometime during the months of October and November, and peaks in the months of February to May, each year. These months are known as the *Butanding* season months when the tourists descend upon Donsol in droves eager to interact with the gentle giants.

The *Butandings*, featuring silvery polka dots all over its huge body, feeding only on plankton and krill and juvenile fishes, are harmless, gentle, friendly and playful, allowing humans to swim, play and interact with them as they ponderously glide alongside seacraft.

And then, the gentle giants quietly disappear. Nobody knows yet where they go during the rest of the year. But the seasoned Donsol fisherman assures, the *Butandings* will surely be back again sometime in October, November or December for the start of another wholesome ecotourism adventure – the incomparable, high adventure Whale Shark/*Butanding* Interaction. Only in Sorsogon.



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Date		Activity	Venue
Day 1, Oct. 17			
	8:00 a.m.	Misa Konselebrada nin Pasasalamat Pambukas na Programa (Opening Program)	Capitol Park
	10:00 a.m.	Opening of Agro-Industrial & Trade Fair*	Freedom Park
	11:00 a.m.	Opening of Art Exhibit - Center for Bicol Arts Foundation (CEBIKA)*	Bulwagan ng Katarungan Lobby
	1:00 p.m.	Paradang Historiko-Kultural san mga Banwa Motorcade of Miss Kasanggayahan Candidates	
	7:00 p.m.	Talent Presentation: Ms. Kasanggayahan Kasanggayahan sa Rompeolas	Irosin Auditorium Rompeolas
	10:00 p.m.	Fireworks Display	Rompeolas
Day 2, Oct. 18			
	6:00 a.m.	Burugsayan nan Bancarerahan Karera Bisikleta	Sorsogon Bay Bulan to Sorsogon
	1:00 p.m.	Drum & Bugle Corps Competition (Elementary Level)	Bulusan Town
	7:00 p.m.	Kalikasan, Pamahalaan, Mamamayan - Isang Musikampanyahan *Gary Granada, Joey Ayala, Noel Cabangon Bayang Barrios*	Balogo Sports Complex
Day 3, Oct. 19			
	8:00 a.m.	Pilgrimage to Gibalon Historical Shrine & Concelebrated Commemorative Mass	Gibalon, Magallanes
	1:00 p.m.	Paradang Sibiko-Militar	Magallanes Poblacion
	2:00 on	Piyesta sa Magallanes	Magallanes Plaza
	7:00 p.m.	Miss Kasanggayahan Public Presentation	Magallanes Plaza
Day 4, Oct. 20 - Children's Day			
	6:00 a.m.	Marathon	Casiguran - Sorsogon
	9:00 a.m.	Miss Kasanggayahan Bulusan Water Adventure	Bulusan Auditorium
		Kaogmahan san mga Batit Feeding Program for Daycare Children Free Medical & Dental Service	Capitol Park
	1:00 p.m.	Drum & Bugle Corps Competition (High School Level)	
	7:00 p.m.	Padayaw Kultura (Cluster A)	Capitol Park
Day 5, Oct. 21			
	11:00 a.m.	Miss Kasanggayahan Press Presentation	Pilar Park
	2:00 p.m.	Miss Kasanggayahan Butanding Interaction	Donsol town
	7:00 p.m.	Padayaw Kultura (Cluster B)	Capitol Park
Day 6, Oct. 22 - Senior Citizens' Day			
	12:00 noon	GMA 7 Show: Eat Bulaga	Capitol Park
	7:00 p.m.	Padayaw Kultura (City Schools)	Capitol Park
Day 7, Oct. 23			
	9:00 a.m.	Poster Making Contest	Capitol Park
	7:00 p.m.	Choral & Oratorical Contest (Bicol dialects)	Capitol Park
Day 8, Oct. 24 - Youth Day			
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Symposium	SNHS Grounds
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Today, as we commemorate the founding of our province, let us once more gaze up to heaven and utter a prayer of thanksgiving and deliverance. Let us fervently implore the guidance of Divine Providence in all things we do, in all the things we dream and aspire for.

As we begin to look back into the traces of our history, do let us ponder the achievements, the rare nuggets of wisdom of our forefathers, the principles and virtues they upheld in going about their struggles for freedom from human bondage.

And so, for hundreds of years we have gone this far; for that long a time in the annals of our glorious and difficult past, they have metamorphosed into what we are now. We must treasure their indelible mark in our collective psyche, inspiring us to live life with meaning, with devotion, with fruitful endeavors. We pride in calling it now Kasanggayahan, a true imprimatur of gregariousness, fulfillment, equity, industry bundled into one encompassing thought of love and solidarity.

KASANGGAYAHAN IS A GRAND EPISODE of Sorsoganons, if only to let it be known that we are a distinct people, a people eternally looking into the positive outlook of existence.

Kasanggayahan is a capsulized modernity immersed in a bucket of our rich heritage. Kasanggayahan is taking up the elevating spirit of art, culture, tradition and religion.

Kasanggayahan is an encumbered expression of endearment to one another; it is the balm that diminishes the drudgery, the cares of this troubled world at this time.

Today, as ever, I urge you all to come with me with greater focus and sensitivity on what we can effectively do to help build an edifice of progress, peace and prosperity in these parts. I call upon you to muster enough courage and resiliency, enough moral uprightness for the sake of the next tenants after us.

The call of the day is service via sacrifice and responsibility. Let us all take the challenge.

Happy Kasanggayahan to all!

Bangon Sorsogon!!!

RAUL R. LEE
Governor

"The glory of God is man fully alive." - St. Irenaeus

Fullness of life. That is what Kasanggayahan is all about. It is our mission at the Kasanggayahan Foundation, Inc. It is the dream and aspiration of every Sorsoganon. It must be the commitment of every public official. It must be the thrust of our government programs.

Fullness of life. We celebrate it every year during the Kasanggayahan Festival commemorating the Anniversary of the Foundation of the Province of Sorsogon. On this occasion, we celebrate the efforts we share in order to pursue our dream and aspiration. But the festival is a reminder of the mission yet to be accomplished. We must be one and united.

This year is the 109th anniversary of the foundation of the province. And so, we REMEMBER, we CELEBRATE, we BELIEVE ... Sorsogon is the Land of Kasanggayahan. This means, we can, if we want to be, a people that enjoys the gift of PEACE, PROGRESS and PROSPERITY.

It is, therefore, my plea and prayer that together we join hands in making our dream a reality. May the God of peace, the God Who unfolds history, bless our endeavors and bring us to progress and prosperity.

Welcome to Kasanggayahan Festival 2003.

MSGR. FRANCISCO P. MONJE
President
Kasanggayahan Foundation, Inc.

"Kasanggayahan, a life of prosperity."

For a long 109 years since Sorsogon was granted its new identity as a separate province from Albay, much gains and progress have already been realized. Albeit that the progress made is still a far cry from being a truly prosperous province as envisioned by our forefathers we, Sorsoganons, are persevering and patient to attain this almost unreachable vision.

As evidence, Sorsogon is now a very dynamic province where its full potentials are slowly being uncovered and developed.

With the celebration of the 2003 Kasanggayahan Festival to commemorate the Foundation of Sorsogon Province, I call on all fellow Sorsoganons to contribute their share so that the grind of progress in the province continues in high gear.

I join my provincemates with a festive mood during the festival.

I am proud to be a Sorsoganon!

FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO
Representative, 1st District

In behalf of the 2nd District of Sorsogon, please allow me to extend my most cordial felicitations to the officers of the Kasanggayahan Foundation, Inc. as we celebrate our Kasanggayahan Festival.

I hope that this event will inspire all Sorsoganons to meet the challenges presented by the uncertainties o global and regional concerns, and will enable us to harness our strength towards building a better future or us and our loved ones.

Mabalos.

JOSE G. SOLIS
Representative, 2nd District

The Kasanggayahan Festival 2003

Every October of each year, the *Kasanggayahan* **Festival** is celebrated in Sorsogon in commemoration of its foundation as a Province. It is a province-wide festival, with the center of activities in Sorsogon City.

Kasanggayahan is an old Bikol word, the meaning of which can be gleaned from this short verse:

> "When the fields are green and the grains are golden; when the machines work well and all business prosper; when the birds in the sky chirp freely and men on earth are peacefully happy; in Bikol, it is KASANGGAYAHAN, meaning, a life of prosperity."

The *Kasanggayahan* **Festival**, which is listed by the Department of Tourism as one of the annual Philippine Festivals, is celebrated with a series of cultural, historical, religious, agro-industrial and economic activities, showcasing Sorsogon's abundant agricultural products, particularly food and native arts and crafts, especially those made from the versatile Pili Tree, which is indigenous to the province.

The Festival is highlighted by the inimitable ***Pantomina sa Tinampo.***

Pantomina, a traditional Bikol dance, is known as a dance of love and courtship – actually the "dance of the doves" or "*sinalampati*" (*salampati* is Bikol for dove), as it was then known before the coming of the Spanish colonizers. The *Pantomina*, or "pantomime", imitates, in dance, the courtship and lovemaking of the doves. And this is a popular native dance all over Bikol. But it is only in Sorsogon where this is danced in the streets, or "*tinampo*", by droves of eager dancers wearing colorful native attire, as they cajole and coax tourists and onlookers to join in the fun and merrymaking, partake of *tuba*, the native coconut wine; and *lechon*, or roast pig, carried by dancers as they swing and sway and do their love dance down the streets of Sorsogon.

welcome home BALIK SORSOGANONS

Warm and straight from the heart, Sorsogon beckons and welcomes you.

Sorsogon, one of the six Bikol provinces, and located at the southernmost tip of Luzon island – the gateway to the South of the Philippines – offers the jaded visitor a new experience unexplored and undiscovered, pristine and green vistas . . . Mother Nature at its best.

The entire province is one big eco-tour package. With Sorsogon City – the capital and seat of government – as jump-off point, all the eco-tour destinations within the province are easily accessible, including the singularly exciting, high adventure Whale Shark or *Butanding* **Interaction** activity off the waters of Donsol, Pilar, Castilla, Magallanes, and Bacon District of Sorsogon City; a rare nature-commune at the Mt. Bulusan Natural Park and its mystical **Bulusan Mountain Lake**, with its exotic flora and fauna; the province's magnificently colorful dive sites and marine sanctuaries; mysterious caves with interesting folk legends to explore; hot springs and healing mineral water spas to soak in, relax and unwind; the picturesque little islands within Sorsogon Bay and off Matnog, offering fine white, black or pink sand beaches; the historical landmarks, including old churches, ancient houses and monuments, historic ruins of *baluartes*, *murallas*, and *astilleros* or ancient shipyards; and local arts and crafts.

Sorsogon offers the visitor a wide variety of diversions, including SCUBA diving, snorkeling, sport fishing, swimming, boating, island-hopping, sunbathing, beachcombing, mountain climbing, biking, hiking, spelunking, or just simply touching base with nature at its pristine best. Or revel in the pageantry, celebration and merrymaking during its numerous festivals and barrio fiestas, and imbibe and experience its rich cultural heritage.

In Sorsogon, you will never run out of things to do, sights to see, places to go to, folk celebrations to join and enjoy.

This is Sorsogon, the **Land of** *Kasanggayahan* – a land of peace, serenity, lush scenery, and happy and hospitable people. Sorsogon – one big eco-tour package!

Welcome to Sorsogon – the Province and the City!

Bulusan Lake

Sable [illegible]

Photo by Chito Salomon

JOIN THE PEOPLE OF SORSOGON AND BICOLANOS IN DANCING THE PANTOMINA SA TINAMPO!

Swimming with the BUTANDING

. . . . the gentle giant of the sea

Swimming with a Whale Shark, locally known as *Butanding* (scientific name: **Rhincodon typus**) is the epitome of wildlife encounters - an experience of a lifetime, a nature enthusiast or ecotour fanatic cannot afford to miss.

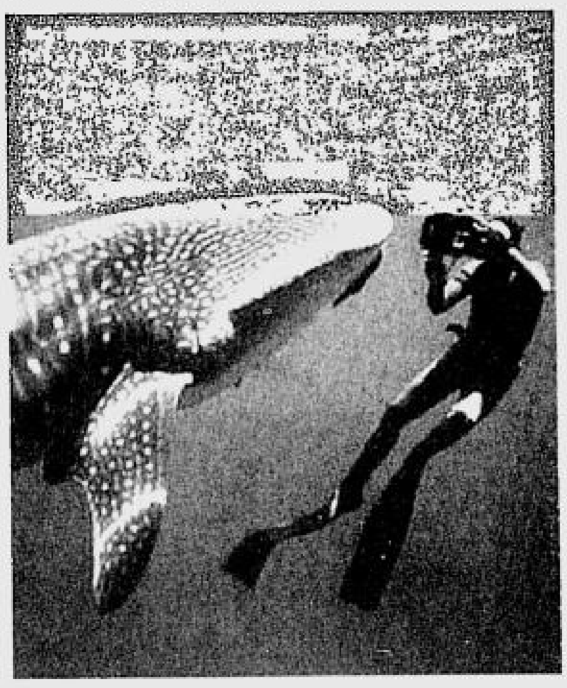
And such a singular experience is offered, nowhere else, but in the waters off Sorsogon Province, particular in the waters off Donsol, Pilar, Castilla, Magallanes and Bacon, where one can watch and interact with a *Butanding*, or even several – some 10 to 15 of them at any one time during the *Butanding* season. Such a phenomenon cannot be found in other parts of the country, or even in other parts of the world – not even in Ningaloo Bay in Australia where one can watch a Whale Shark one at a time on lucky days, and one has to rely on fish finders and helicopters to spot one.

In fact, Donsol, where the Butandings are most numerous, is now dubbed as the "**Whale Shark Capital of the World**". It is in the waters off Donsol, or just at the mouth of the Donsol River, where such a phenomenally large number of Whale Sharks congregate, cavort and caper.

These gentle giants of the sea – considered the largest fishes in the world measuring from 15 ft. to as long as 40 ft. in length, have been observed to converge in the waters off Donsol starting sometime during the months of October and November, and peaks in the months of February to May, each year. These months are known as the *Butanding* season months when the tourists descend upon Donsol in droves eager to interact with the gentle giants.

The *Butandings*, featuring silvery polka dots all over its huge body, feeding only on plankton and krill and juvenile fishes, are harmless, gentle, friendly and playful, allowing humans to swim, play and interact with them as they ponderously glide alongside seacraft.

And then, the gentle giants quietly disappear. Nobody knows yet where they go during the rest of the year. But the seasoned Donsol fisherman assures, the *Butandings* will surely be back again sometime in October, November or December for the start of another wholesome ecotourism adventure – the incomparable, high adventure Whale Shark/*Butanding* Interaction. Only in Sorsogon.



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10:00 a.m.	Opening of Agro-Industrial & Trade Fair*	Freedom Park
11:00 a.m.	Opening of Art Exhibit - Center for Bicol Arts Foundation (CEBIKA)*	Bulwagan ng Katarungan Lobby
1:00 p.m.	Paradang Historiko-Kultural san mga Banwa Motorcade of Miss Kasanggayahan Candidates	
7:00 p.m.	Talent Presentation: Ms. Kasanggayahan Kasanggayahan sa Rompeolas	Irosin Auditorium Rompeolas
10:00 p.m.	Fireworks Display	Rompeolas
Day 2, Oct. 18		
6:00 a.m.	Burugsayan nan Bancarerahan Karera Bisiklota	Sorsogon Bay Bulan to Sorsogon
1:00 p.m.	Drum & Bugle Corps Competition (Elementary Level)	Bulusan Town
7:00 p.m.	Kalikasan, Pamahalaan, Mamamayan - Isang Musikampanyahan *Gary Granada, Joey Ayala, Noel Cabangon Bayang Barrios*	Balogo Sports Complex
Day 3, Oct. 19		
8:00 a.m.	Pilgrimage to Gibalon Historical Shrine & Concelebrated Commemorative Mass	Gibalon, Magallanes
1:00 p.m.	Paradang Sibiko-Militar	Magallanes Poblacion
2:00 on	Piyesta sa Magallanes	Magallanes Plaza
7.00 p.m.	Miss Kasanggayahan Public Presentation	Magallanes Plaza
Day 4, Oct. 20 - Children's Day		
6:00 a.m.	Marathon	Casiguran - Sorsogon
9:00 a.m.	Miss Kasanggayahan Bulusan Water Adventure	Bulusan Auditorium
	Kaogmahan san mga Batit Feeding Program for Daycare Children Free Medical & Dental Service	Capitol Park
1:00 p.m.	Drum & Bugle Corps Competition (High School Level)	
7:00 p.m.	Padayaw Kultura (Cluster A)	Capitol Park
Day 5, Oct. 21		
11:00 a.m.	Miss Kasanggayahan Press Presentation	Pilar Park
2:00 p.m.	Miss Kasanggayahan Butanding Interaction	Donsol town
7:00 p.m.	Padayaw Kultura (Cluster B)	Capitol Park
Day 6, Oct. 22 - Senior Citizens' Day		
12:00 noon	GMA 7 Show: Eat Bulaga	Capitol Park
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The new, the old . . .

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tute of Plant Breeding exhibit, for example, beautiful new hybrids of the hibiscus (*gumamela*) bred by a local horticulturist. The flowering plants generated a lot of interest when they were launched a few years ago. Unfortunately, they did not become popular because they were too expensive.

Significantly, a local grower has just been awarded the rights to mass-produce and commercialize the latest hibiscus breeds. The grower said he would start earnest production of the plants after the garden show. Mass-production, he added, would make the plants affordable and available in the local market.

Plants and antiques

Theme of this year's show is "Antiques in the Garden." Among those incorporated in the landscape of pocket gardens are all-weather benches from recycled hardwood. Also featured are garden accessories such as hurricane lamps, old railroad ties (*traviezas*), stone steps and woodcarvings.

Cycads and aroids are evidently the stars of this show. Aroids come from a big family that includes the anthurium, caladium, philodendron, alocasia, spathiphyllum and syngonium. Many of these are shade tolerant plants, hence, ideal for indoor gardens.

Cycads, as well, belong to a big family. The more popular ones are zamias, dioons, ceratozamia and the more familiar cycas revoluta. For the first time, an impressive collection is on view at the garden show.

Also seen at the Los Baños garden show is the centerpiece landscape of members of the Flora Multi-purpose Cooperative, composed of ornamental plant growers in Lucena City. Arranged around the stage of the Senior Social Garden are beautiful plants, many of them winners of past competitions. We saw clerodendrons, foliage anthuriums, native ferns, aglaonema, dieffenbachia, variegated palms and other new garden favorites.

Show beneficiary

Proceeds of this year's show will be donated to the University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital Cancer Institute. According to officials of the institute, who were guests-of-honor at the formal opening of the garden show, the Los Baños Orchid Society will also undertake the improvement of their healing garden.

Top awards at the plant competition were swept by known collector Pepito Cesario whose *Macrozamia fawcetii* got the Best Plant-in-show award, Best Cultured Plant award, and Most Outstanding Cycad. His other award winning plants were Agave *gemini flora* (Best Succulent), *Licuala "mapu" (Best Palm). Expectedly, Cesario's garden exhibit won the Best Collection award.*

Other winners were: Best Flowering Plant–*Ixora* hybrid owned by Vic Chin, Jr.; and Most Outstanding Aroid Plant–Anthurium "Renaissance" owned by Flora–Percival Bojador.

Individual plant competition winners were: Best Variegated Plant–*Clerodendron quadriculare* "Bardonii" owned by C.V. Lazaro; Best Bonsai–Red Balete owned by "Mr. Bonsai"; Best Other Foliage–*Equisetum* owned by Chin; Best Fern–*Nephrolepis* species "Pakong lawit" owned by Tuding Zabella; Best Bromeliad–*Neoregelia* Brazil hybrid of Dr. Lee Sanders; and best Philippines indigenous ornamental plant–Nephrolepis species owned by T. Zabella.

Winners in the orchid competition included the *Aerides quinquevulnera* (owned by Dr. Ben Vergara), Cattleya BLC Erin Kobayashi Lalaina Gold (owned by Chin), *Renanthera philippinensis* (Mable Chua), *Doritis pulcherrima* (Flor Cuaresma) and *Rynchostylis gigantea X Aerides Lawrenceae* (Chua).

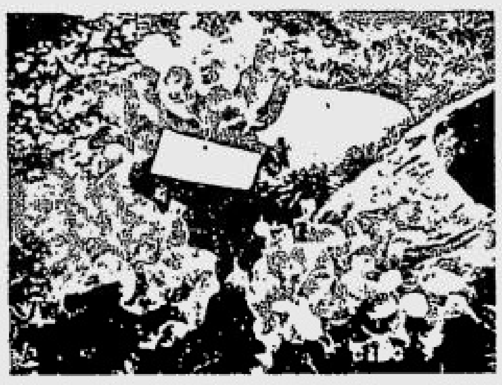
The Los Baños garden show ends Oct. 19.

CURRENT rage is the old favorite mother-in-law's tongue, now known as Sansevieria. It is also known as a pollution-buster.

PEACH colored Ixora hybrid wins award as best flowering plant.

COLORFUL bromeliads are mounted on branches of weathered wood.

The garden event showcases new plants created by breeders and hobbyists around UPLB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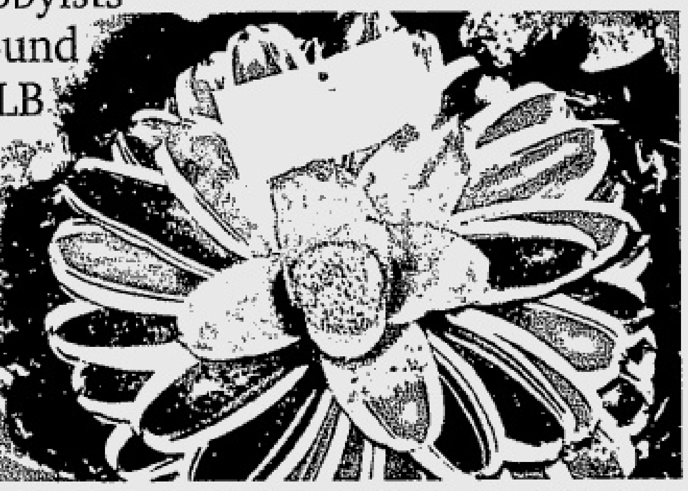
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Doris Gaskell Nuyda

IN June last year, we visited the University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital Cancer Institute (CI). We took a look at a quadrangle in the center of the three-story CI building at the PGH compound where a Healing Garden was to be developed.

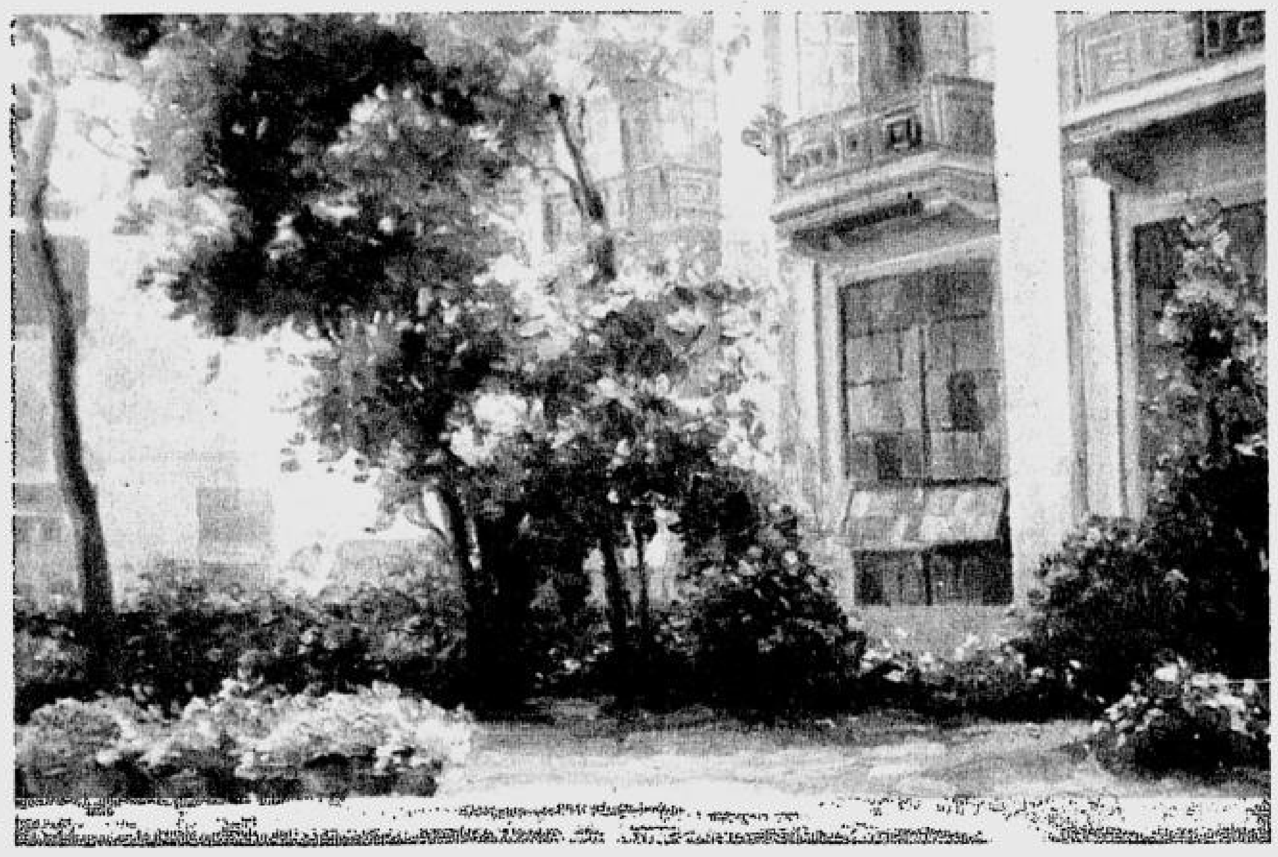
The garden was to be a natural sanctuary to provide patients with a restful place where they could be cared for and also where they and their families could meditate, experience spiritual uplift and simply enjoy the open air. There would be lots of plants and flowers under the old trees already there, as well as fountains, park benches and playground equipment. To help make this happen, the Cancer Institute Garden Club was organized.

As I listened to the people from the garden club, it seemed to me that they were exceeding their grasp for the quadrangle measured only 700 square meters. How were they going to fit all those garden paraphernalia? I was assured they would all fit in.

Recently, we were invited to take another look at the very special garden. As I stepped into the quadrangle, I immediately noted the changes.

Outside help

The work has been slow due to financial constraints, says Dr. Cecilia A. Ladines-Llave, obstetrician-gynecologist and Cancer Institute chair, so the garden club is relying on funding and lots of support from outside.



CAMILLE de la Rosa painting depicting the Institute's front garden when completed

Fund-raising events last year included an art exhibit headed by businessman Dante Silverio who is also president of the Artists Guild of the Philippines. Guests were invited to "Pose-for-a-Cause" with well-known Filipino artists like Romulo Olazo, Romeo Ballada, Romulo Galicano, Agustin Goy and others painting portraits for P15,000 each, a bargain considering how much portraits cost. Artworks by club members were also donated to add to the funds.

Dr. Llave cannot express her gratitude enough to the donors and contributors, who will assure that the garden will not only be beautiful, but also a repository of beautiful works of art. There is the water container of blue tile mosaic done by hand by Denise Celdran. It will be set atop a matching fountain at the garden's center donated by C. V. Lazaro, a member of the Los Baños Orchid Society. He and Jean Lasap, the society's president, are in charge of landscaping the Healing Garden.

To use the healing power of plants and flowers, garden club members have adopted the Osewa Concept of Healing. Dr. Llave explains that Osewa, which started in Kobe, Japan, means "caring for you."

Focus on women

Members have made the club a funding organization that focuses on women and cancer care. It is headed by staunch supporters Tony and Tita Perez who source many of their donations from their garden-farm in Lipa, Batangas.

Another development in the quadrangle area is the clay tile flooring laid out by Masterpiece Corp. Complementing the blue-tiled fountain at the center is a rock pool in a corner, offering the soothing effect of cascading water. Old benches and tables that double as conversation or dining nooks will be either repainted or replaced as needed.

One corner will be the site of brightly colored playground equipment for visiting children. Several lamp posts will illuminate the area. Here, too, is where healing workshops for visual and performing arts, music therapy, aromatherapy, dance, yoga and other exercises, horticulture and look-good-feel-good programs will be held.

Coordinating the workshop activities is the CI Psychosocial Support Group, which provides complete protocol, curriculum, guidelines and policies. Garden and art lovers can share and contribute their own talents and resources for the care of CI patients.

The CI Garden Club suffered a setback recently when the second floor deck greenhouse, already blooming profusely with flowers, had to give way to the construction of another PGH wing. The loss of the deck was frustrating for those who painstakingly worked to make the plants thrive.

Immortalized

But they are appeased somewhat by the thought that the little garden will live on in the series of paintings by Camille de la Rosa, daughter of the renowned Ibarra. The paintings, incidentally, will be part of Camille's exhibit at Gallery 828, Art Plaza at the Shangri-La Mall, which will open Oct. 20.

The other section beside the deck is intact and used as an activity center where indoor workshops, seminars and demonstrations are conducted as part of CI's Wellness Programs.

The Healing Garden is being developed not just as a beautification or wellness project for CI patients, but as a model and national standard for similar gardens in all hospitals, hospices and medical facilities all over the country. The philosophy behind it is stated in a little booklet distributed by the Cancer Institute: "Any garden may have a calming effect. However, in contrast to ordinary gardens which are built simply to be seen, a therapeutic or healing garden is less formal and encourages interaction and movement while ensuring the safety of patients who have limited mobility and energy. A growing number of hospitals worldwide are employing healing gardens as part of a holistic approach to treatment. Because it treats the spirit while modern drug- and technology-based medicine addresses the body, a healing garden is most beneficial to people with serious ailments which still evade sure and fast cure."

The Healing Garden will be launched this coming November.

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LIFESTYLE

A top Filipino-Canadian hairstylist is in town to show off Schwarzkopf's Essential Looks

REYNALDO Sopoco, Schwarzkopf's national artistic director for Canada and Canada's Hairstylist of the Year, is flanked by Alex Carbonell (left), Schwarzkopf's Philippine ambassador for Essential Looks and Robert Seah, Schwarzkopf's regional technical manager.

Tress chic

Text by Rowena C. Burgos
Photos by Roger Carpio

EVERY woman is free to wear the look she dreams of, and that's the theme of Schwarzkopf's Essential Looks autumn/winter 2003 collection, which was recently unveiled at the Music Museum in Greenhills.

Filipino-Canadian Reynaldo Sopoco, Schwarzkopf's national artistic director for Canada and Canada's Hairstylist of the Year, rendered his interpretations of Modern Wave, Sixties, New Wave, Japanese and Biker Chic. Alex Carbonell, Schwarzkopf's Philippine ambassador for essential looks, and Robert Seah, Schwarzkopf's regional technical manager, joined Sopoco.

Showcased in Canada in August, the hair collection was originally created by fashion stylist Tyler Johnston to match the Spring-Summer 2004 collections of designers Donatella Versace, John Paul Gaultier, Donna Karan and Nicole Miller.

"I used to think that hair is separate from the fashion show," Sopoco says. "But the origin of hair designs all over the world is based on runway fashion."

Schwarzkopf's Essential Looks is published bi-annually to predict trends for the coming season. Its inspiration is an eclectic mix of catwalk shows, Hollywood icons and cutting-edge street style.

Passionate artist

Sopoco has been based in Canada for 17 years now. As national artistic director of Schwarzkopf Canada, he has conducted national and international presentations of Essential Looks. He has appeared in Canadian TV shows and his works have been published in leading industry magazines such as Passion International, Toronto Fashion Magazine, Flare, Salon Magazine and Oxygen.

"I got into hair styling because I hated school," says Sopoco who only finished third year high school in Sucat, Parañaque. He often accompanied his late grandma, Soledad Buenaventura Flores, who raised him since he was three months old, to the salon. Flores loved to don the beehive hairstyle.

"Whatever hairstyle I saw in the salon, I did on my sisters and cousins," Sopoco says. At

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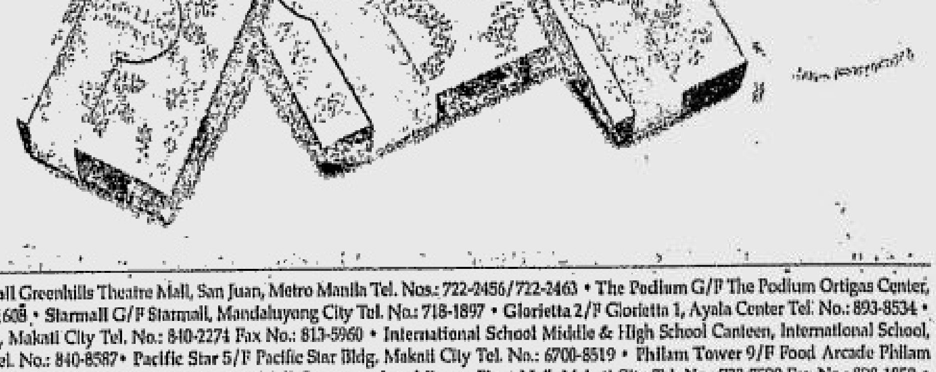

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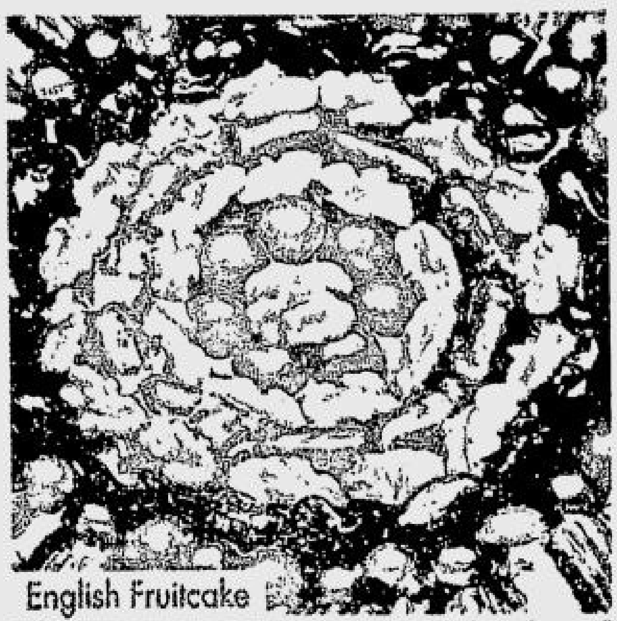

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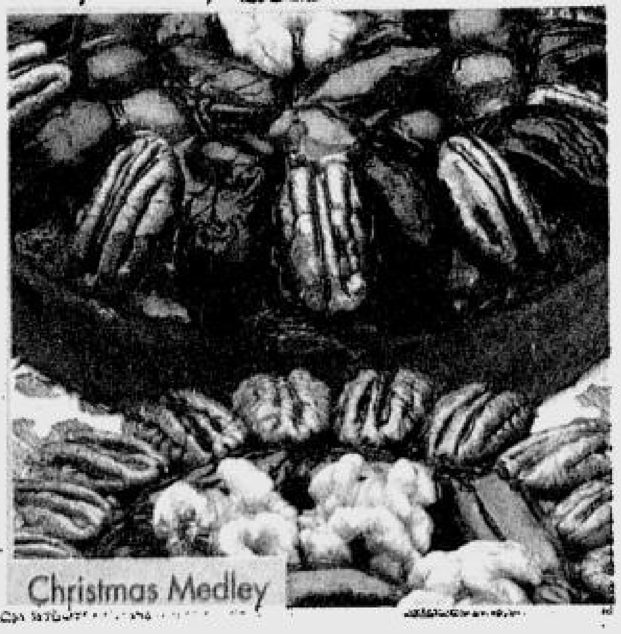

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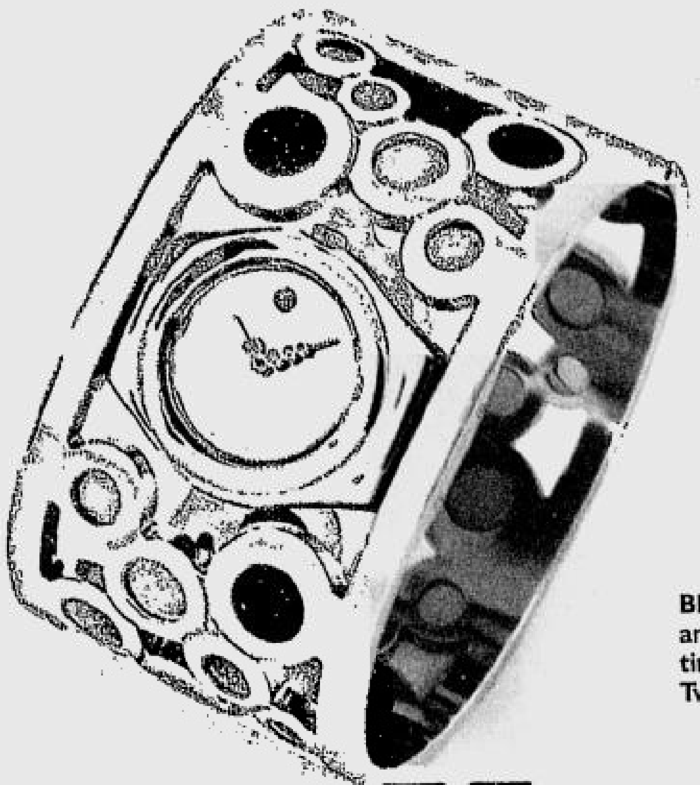
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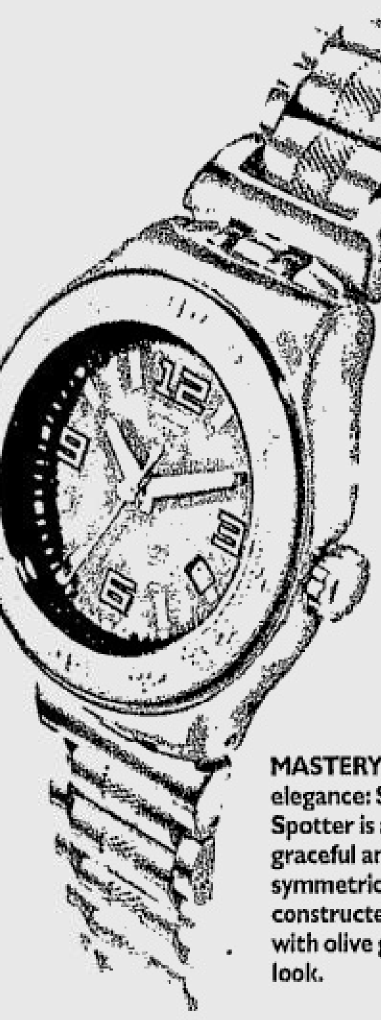
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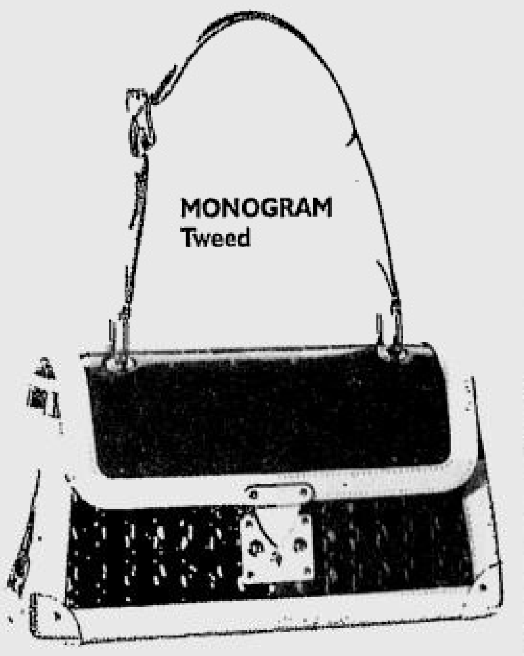
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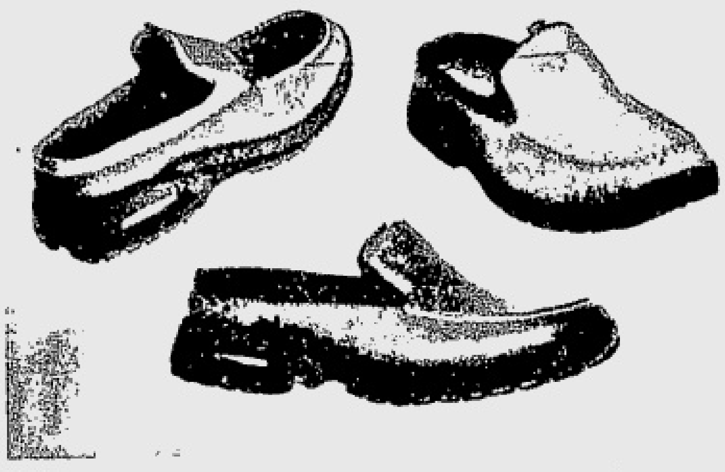
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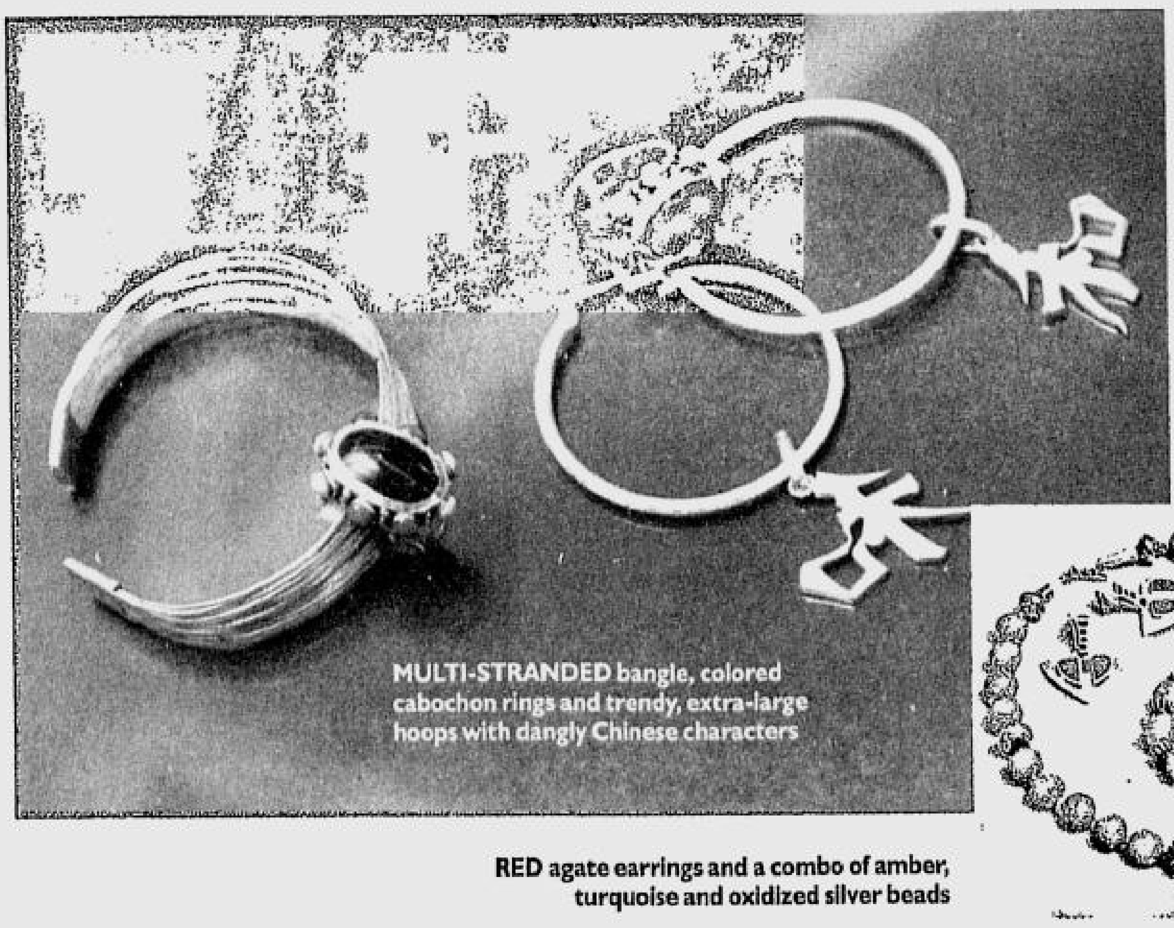
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SILVERWORKS unveils its latest collection featuring vivid colors like red, coral and turquoise for a more trendy look. The collection also showcases funky geometric designs and patterns. Check it out at Silverworks branches at Robinsons Galleria, Robinsons Place Manila, Robinsons Metro East and Robinsons Starmills Pampanga.

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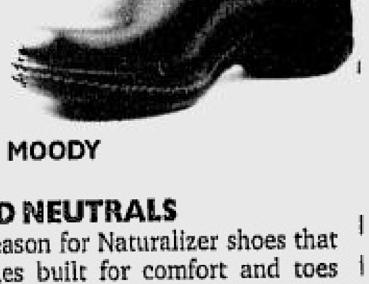
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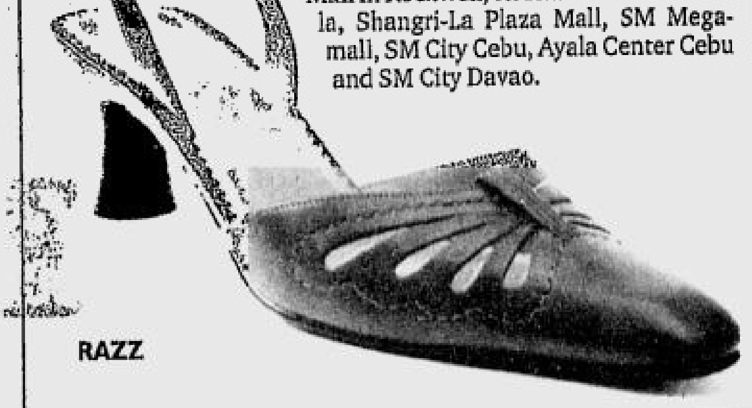
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Schwarzkopf
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IN NEW Wave, contrasting lengths are cut into panels to give texture and harder edge to hair. Androgyny is a key element with extended lengths across the face. Medium tones are used to add depth.

JAPANESE features harder and sharper fringes. A dramatic visor fringe is cut into the eye to contrast with shorter lengths through the back. Magenta red gives it luminosity, depth and richness.

SIXTIES has been inspired by Brigitte Bardot and Barbra Streisand. It's a bustle back hair trend with loose movement incorporating volume at the crown. Beige with creamy bleach and copper highlights give it a gentle and delicate shade.

Tress chic

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19, he immigrated to Canada with his father and two siblings. After four months, he was hired by Castle salon. He formally trained under Trevor Sorbie, Vidal Sassoon and Toni & Guy. At the same time, he joined competitions in North America like Canadian Hairstylist of the Year Awards. He always made it as a finalist.

After nine years, he finally won the Canadian Hairstylist of the Year Award in 2001. His entry was a colorful lioness haircut with the glamour punk look. "That was when my career took off. I'm so proud of this award because not too many Filipinos win in this competition."

Platform artist

Schwarzkopf initially hired Sopoco as platform artist, who does haircuts onstage and tours around Canada. He was then promoted to national artistic director for Canada.

"The challenging part about hairstyling is hair itself. A stylist must pay attention to hair and treat it with respect. Always consider the shape of your client's face, her likes, occupation, clothes and personality," Sopoco says.

The artist currently works at Envirotrends in Ontario, Canada. Since he works in an area close to Toronto Films Studio, his clients include N' Sync, Alec Baldwin, Sharon Stone and Gwyneth Paltrow.

Sopoco attends a seven-day cutting course every two years in Europe.

"I feel like I'm married to my job," Sopoco says. "I can do hairstyling 24 hours a day. And I think that whatever you do, you must be passionate about it. Dreams have wings so let them fly. Don't stop until you've fulfilled your dreams."

Sopoco will conduct a Creative Cutting Workshop today at Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. Call 7268507/08 and 7231763.

E-mail the author at rburgos@inquirer.com.ph

IN MODERN Wave, long hair is given a horseshoe fringe with the longer strands acting as veil on the face. While the hair's texture is fractured, it has strong outlines that mirror the '60s bob. Red brown highlights this style.

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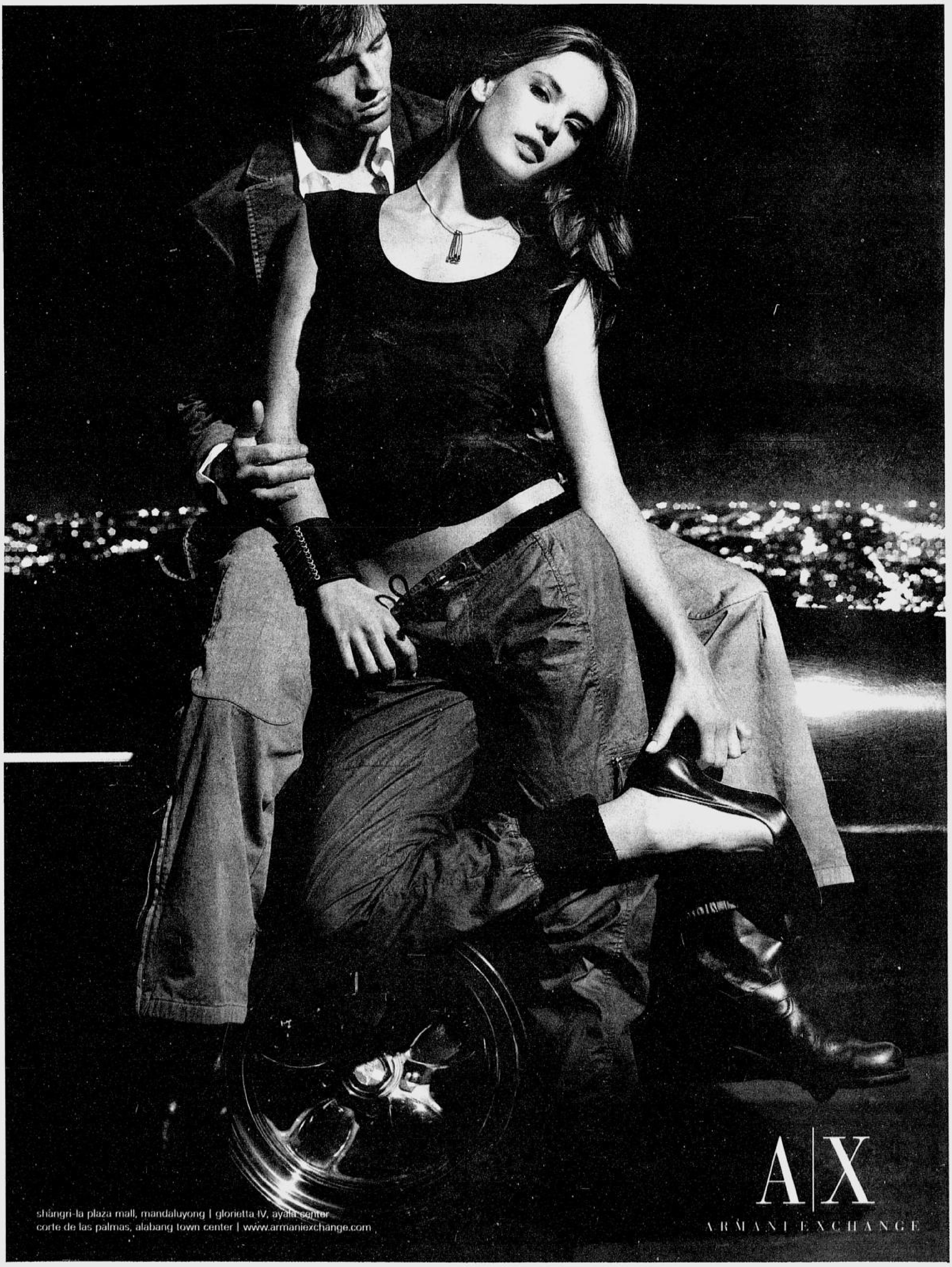

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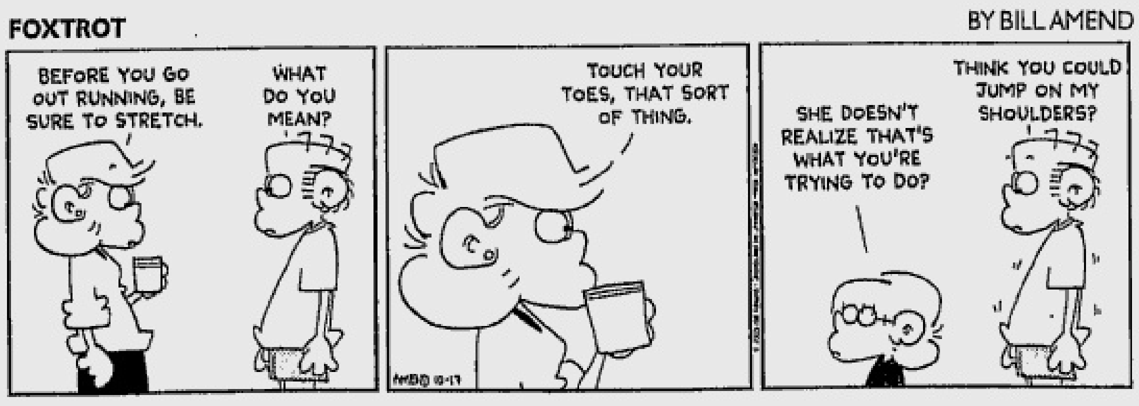
BEFORE YOU GO OUT RUNNING, BE SURE TO STRETCH.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
TOUCH YOUR TOES, THAT SORT OF THING.
SHE DOESN'T REALIZE THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO?
THINK YOU COULD JUMP ON MY SHOULDERS?
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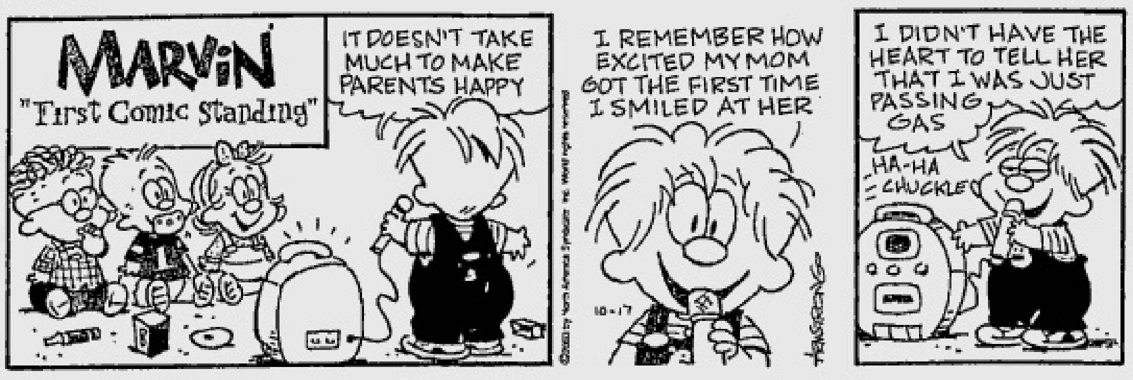
MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG


MARVIN
"First Comic Standing"
IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO MAKE PARENTS HAPPY
I REMEMBER HOW EXCITED MY MOM GOT THE FIRST TIME I SMILED AT HER
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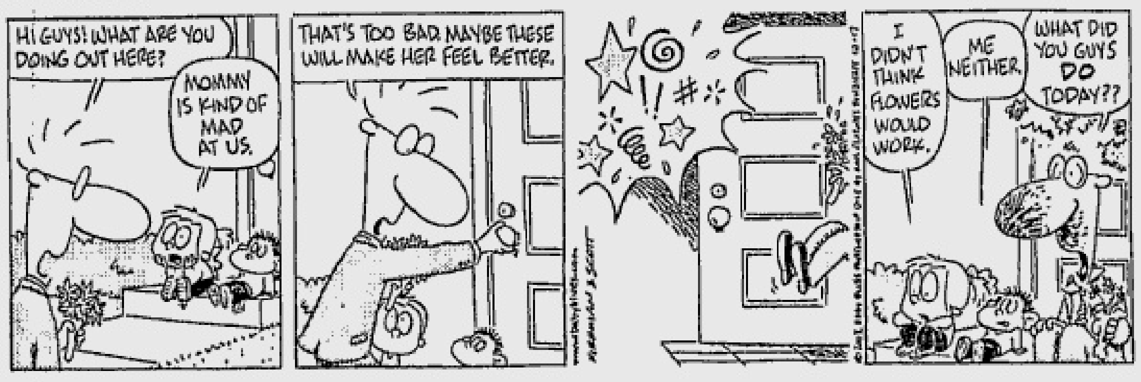
I DIDN'T HAVE THE HEART TO TELL HER THAT I WAS JUST PASSING GAS
HA-HA
CHUCKLE

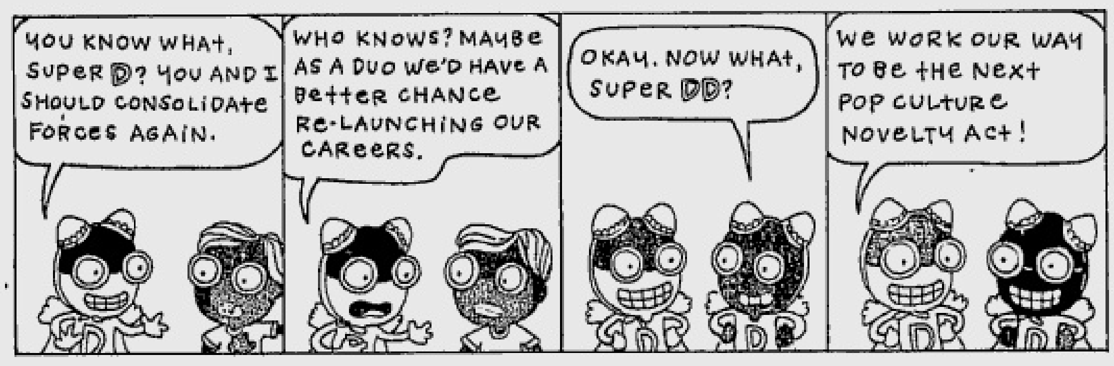
BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


HI GUYS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?
MOMMY IS KIND OF MAD AT US.
THAT'S TOO BAD. MAYBE THESE WILL MAKE HER FEEL BETTER.
I DIDN'T THINK FLOWERS WOULD WORK.
ME NEITHER.
WHAT DID YOU GUYS DO TODAY??

ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


YOU KNOW WHAT, SUPER D? YOU AND I SHOULD CONSOLIDATE FORCES AGAIN.
WHO KNOWS? MAYBE AS A DUO WE'D HAVE A BETTER CHANCE RE-LAUNCHING OUR CAREERS.
OKAY. NOW WHAT, SUPER DD?
WE WORK OUR WAY TO BE THE NEXT POP CULTURE NOVELTY ACT!

HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You're bold, daring and confident. Your personal integrity matters to you. You think a lot before you make important changes. Self-knowledge is your private quest, even if it is life-threatening. You're capable of surmounting big obstacles. Important changes lie ahead this year. These changes take you in a new direction.

Birthdate of: Arthur Miller, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright; Eminem, entertainer; Margot Kidder, actress.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): By your nature, you're very generous. Trust your impulse to help a friend or a group today. Keep in mind that true generosity is giving what is needed.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Don't expect loved ones to live up to impossible romantic ideals today. Whomever you care about has to put his or her pants on one leg at a time, just like you. Try to be realistic .

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): If you help co-workers today, it doesn't mean you're a sucker. It means that you are caring, considerate and intelligent. (Generosity always embodies intelligence.)

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): You might fall in love today or develop a big crush on someone. You feel dreamy-eyed because you're looking at the world through rose-colored glasses.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Relationships that begin today might not be based on practical reality. Wishful thinking is more the order of the day. Take everything with a grain of salt.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): When you look around you today—if you really stop and think—you see how much love there is in your daily life. Don't just take this for granted. Tell others you care.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): You will daydream or let your mind drift today. That's OK—sometimes we have to put our minds in Park. (They can't be in gear all the time.)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): You feel genuine sympathy for a family member today. For a few of you, the sympathy you feel is for your own young childhood self. Either is just fine.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): You feel unusually humanitarian and sympathetic to the misfortunes of others today. You're happy to take the high road. You want to benefit others if you can. Excellent.

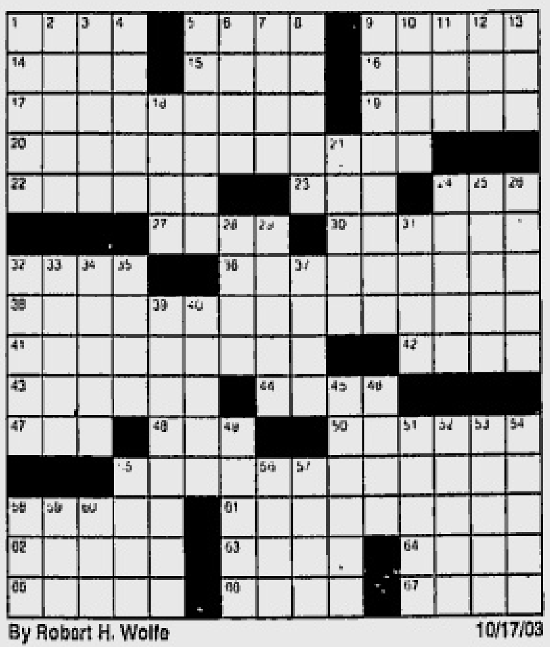
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Don't let a friend talk you into blowing too much money on some luxurious items today. Some of you are overly impressed with status and labels. Save yourself from this impulse.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Some relationships could break down today. If this is the case, don't be disappointed. They have probably long outlived their usefulness.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): You might feel disappointed in someone today. Remember: Unexpressed expectations always result in disappointment. You have to communicate your wants and needs.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 "Rock and Roll All Nite" group
5 Machinery parts
9 Two pints
14 Not pro
15 Cookie snack
16 Not justified
17 Slicker description
19 "Who's there?" reply
20 Start of a quip
22 Class exercise
23 __ v. Wade
24 Ambulance grp.
27 Speak roughly
30 Eclipse shadows
32 Caesar's existence
36 Race
38 Part 2 of quip
41 Permissive person
42 Garden legumes
43 Get to the finish line first
44 Moselle feeder
47 Score figs.
48 Pol's cash provider
50 Don't panic!
55 End of quip
58 Video-game pioneer company
61 Opinion piece
62 Pound poem part
63 Corn mix
64 "Born Free" lioness
65 Tennessee tackle
66 Peter or Ivan
67 Lead player



By Robert H. Wolfe
North Woodmere, NY

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DOWN
1 John Paul II's first name
2 Pointless
3 Pigpens
4 Warbles
5 Eclipse revelation
6 SS Alex Rodriguez
7 The cat's __
8 To date
9 Bonkers
10 John Ruskin's "__ This Last"
11 TV spots
12 Pirate's drink
13 Golfer's gadget
18 In need
21 __ welcome!
24 Worn away unevenly
25 Type of ray
26 Utah lilies
28 Leave text in
29 Texas river
31 Radar signal
32 Prohibit legally
33 Thickset
34 Epsom __
35 Observer
37 Gillette razorblade
39 Volcanic outburst
40 Island west of Maui
45 Decreaser
46 "__ Man," Stanton film
49 Crawled
51 Worries
52 Like Pisa's tower
53 Capital of Tibet
54 Strong polyester film
55 Mile. from Madrid
56 Japanese vegetables
57 __ colada
58 Step into character
59 Skater Babilonia
60 Aardvark's snack

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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A. LIPIN

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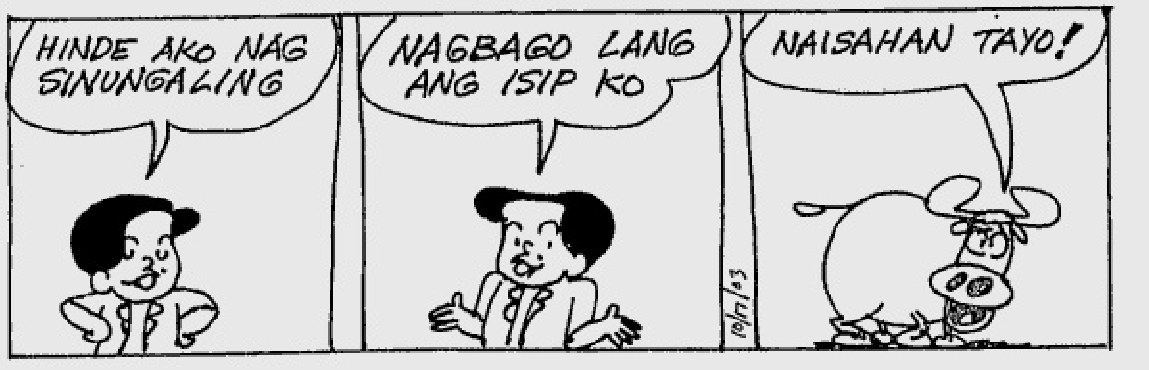
HINDE AKO NAG SINUNGALING
NAGBAGO LANG ANG ISIP KO
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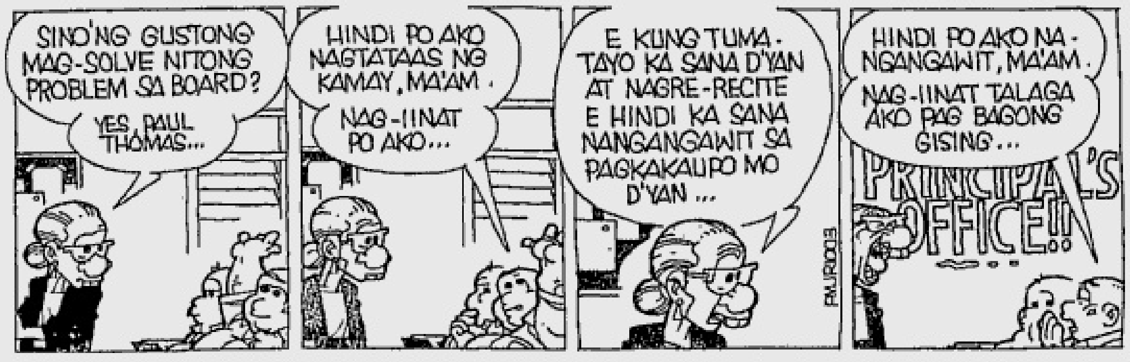
NAISAHAN TAYO!

PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR


SINO'NG GUSTONG MAG-SOLVE NITONG PROBLEM SA BOARD?
YES, PAUL THOMAS...
HINDI PO AKO NAGTATAAS NG KAMAY, MA'AM.
NAG-IINAT PO AKO...
E KUNG TUMATAYO KA SANA D'YAN AT NAGRE-RECITE E HINDI KA SANA NANGANGAWIT SA PAGKAKAUPO MO D'YAN ...
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HINDI PO AKO NANGANGAWIT, MA'AM.
NAG-IINAT TALAGA AKO PAG BAGONG GISING...
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE!!

MUTTS

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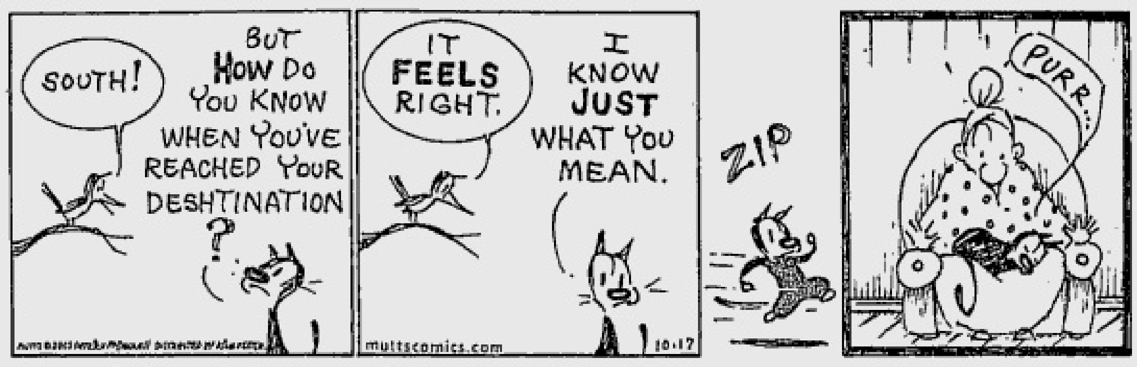
SOUTH!
BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'VE REACHED YOUR DESHTINATION
IT FEELS RIGHT.
I KNOW JUST WHAT YOU MEAN.
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PURR...
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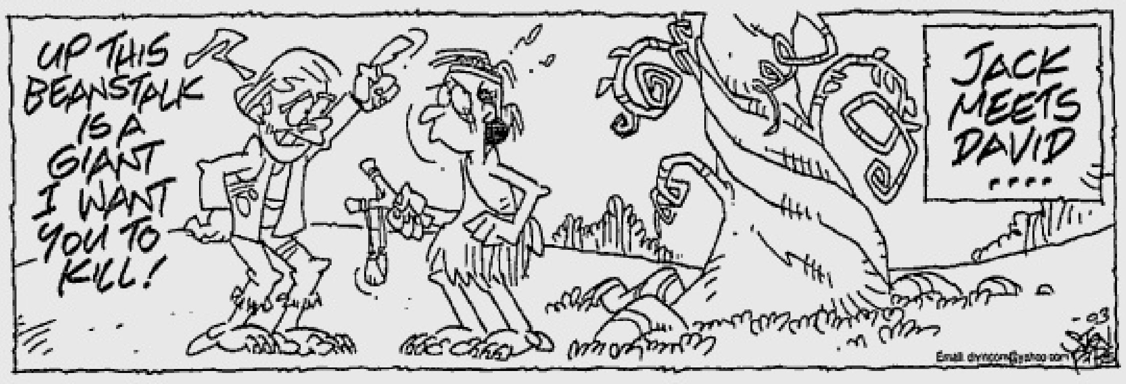
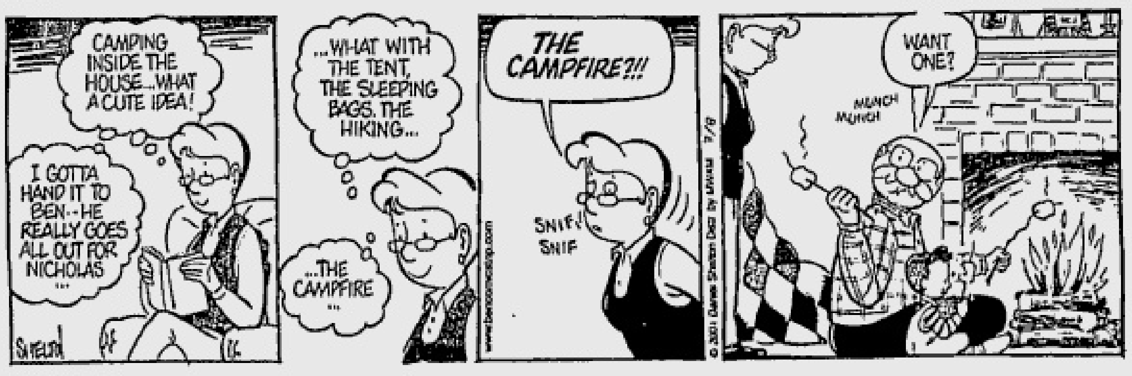
DIVINE COMEDY

BY STEVEN PABALINAS


UP THIS BEANSTALK IS A GIANT I WANT YOU TO KILL!
JACK MEETS DAVID ....
Email: dyncom@yahoo.com

BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON


CAMPING INSIDE THE HOUSE...WHAT A CUTE IDEA!
I GOTTA HAND IT TO BEN--HE REALLY GOES ALL OUT FOR NICHOLAS ...
...WHAT WITH THE TENT, THE SLEEPING BAGS, THE HIKING...
...THE CAMPFIRE ...
THE CAMPFIRE?!!
SNIF! SNIF
WANT ONE?
MUNCH MUNCH

MIKROKOSMOS

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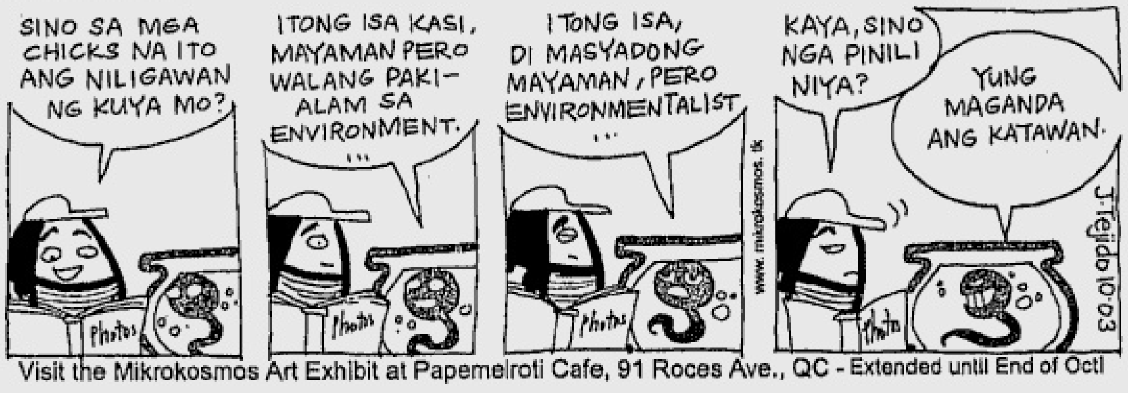
SINO SA MGA CHICKS NA ITO ANG NILIGAWAN NG KUYA MO?
ITONG ISA KASI, MAYAMAN PERO WALANG PAKI-ALAM SA ENVIRONMENT. ...
ITONG ISA, DI MASYADONG MAYAMAN, PERO ENVIRONMENTALIST ...
KAYA, SINO NGA PINILI NIYA?
YUNG MAGANDA ANG KATAWAN.
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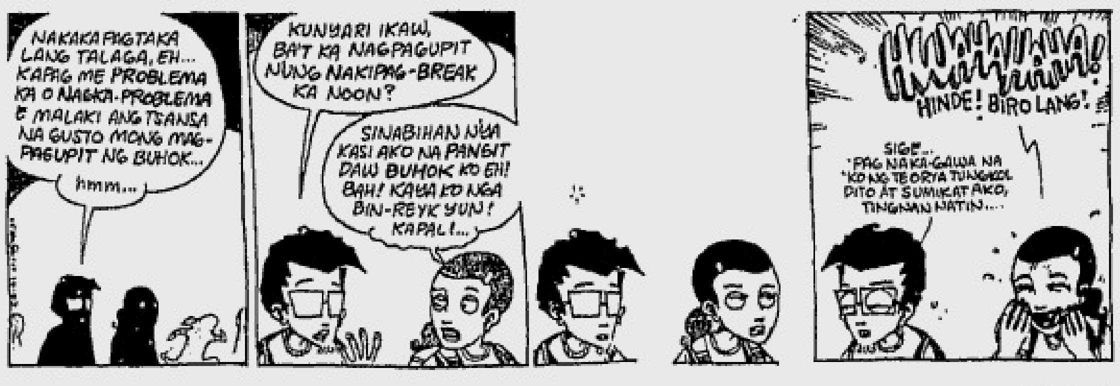
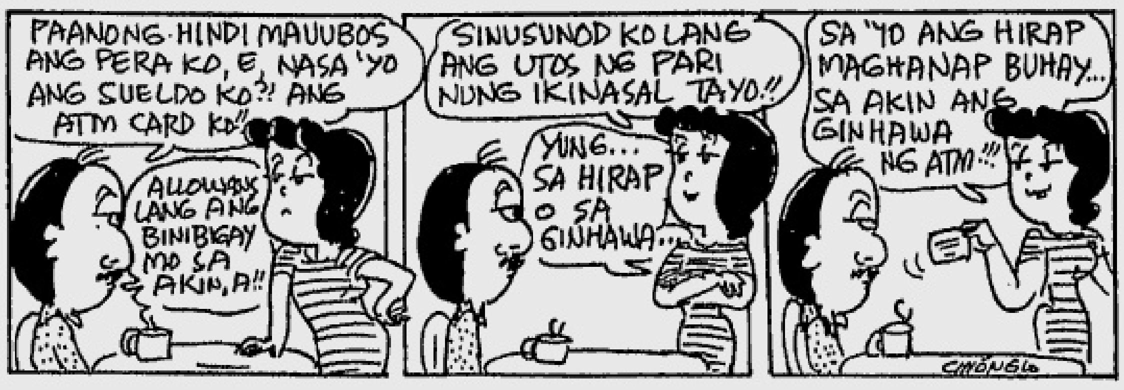

NAKAKAPAGTAKA LANG TALAGA, EH... KAPAG ME PROBLEMA KA O NAGKA-PROBLEMA E MALAKI ANG TSANSA NA GUSTO MONG MAGPAGUPIT NG BUHOK...
hmm...
KUNYARI IKAW, BA'T KA NAGPAGUPIT NUNG NAKIPAG-BREAK KA NOON?
SINABIHAN NIYA KASI AKO NA PANGIT DAW BUHOK KO EH! BAH! KAYA KO NGA BIN-REYK YUN! KAPAL!...
HINDE! BIRO LANG!
SIGE... 'PAG NAKA-GAWA NA 'KO NG TEORYA TUNGKOL DITO AT SUMIKAT AKO, TINGNAN NATIN...

LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


PAANONG HINDI MAUUBOS ANG PERA KO, E, NASA 'YO ANG SUELDO KO?! ANG ATM CARD KO!!
ALLOWANCE LANG ANG BINIBIGAY MO SA AKIN, A!!
SINUSUNOD KO LANG ANG UTOS NG PARI NUNG IKINASAL TAYO!!
YUNG... SA HIRAP O SA GINHAWA...
SA 'YO ANG HIRAP MAGHANAP BUHAY... SA AKIN ANG GINHAWA NG ATM!!!
CHIONGLO

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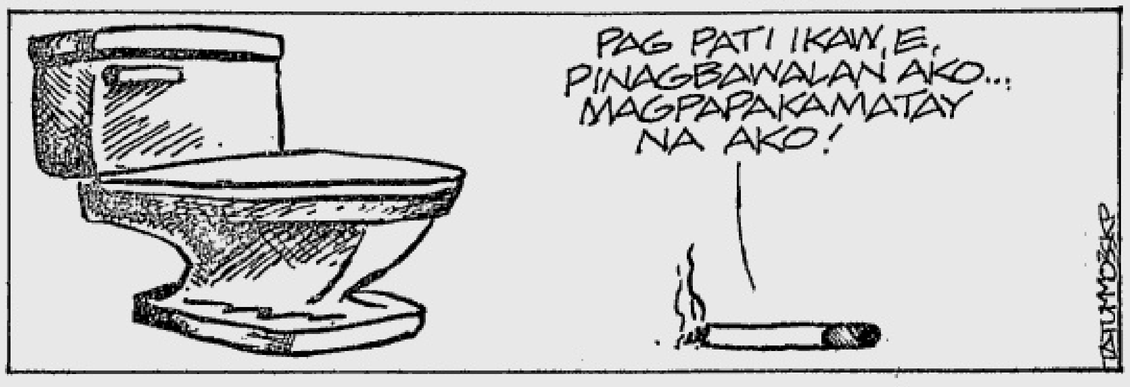
BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


PAG PATI IKAW, E, PINAGBAWALAN AKO... MAGPAPAKAMATAY NA AKO!
TATUM MOSKP

TYPE I jeans for her and for him (below), the latest in Levi's 150-year evolution

Antique tells part of clothing history

By Alex Y. Vergara

DID you know that the zipper had yet to be invented when Levi's came out with its first pair of blue jeans in 1870? That the San Francisco-based, family-owned clothing company only started selling its products in the United States' East Coast during World War II? That until the 1970s, women only wore blue jeans to picnics and barn dances? That care instructions were not put on labels of clothes made in the US before 1973?

Levi Strauss & Co. chief historian Lyn Downey shared these and other interesting tidbits during a recent visit to Manila. She's mainly responsible for beefing up and archiving Levi's vintage apparel collection. Aside from the Philippines, she also visited several key cities in Asia to mark the company's 150th anniversary.

Filipinos caught a glimpse of Levi's evolution in a recent exhibit of its period apparel at the Festival Mall in Alabang. Downey showed media persons several pairs of vintage jeans, particularly the Nevada Man.

Nevada Man

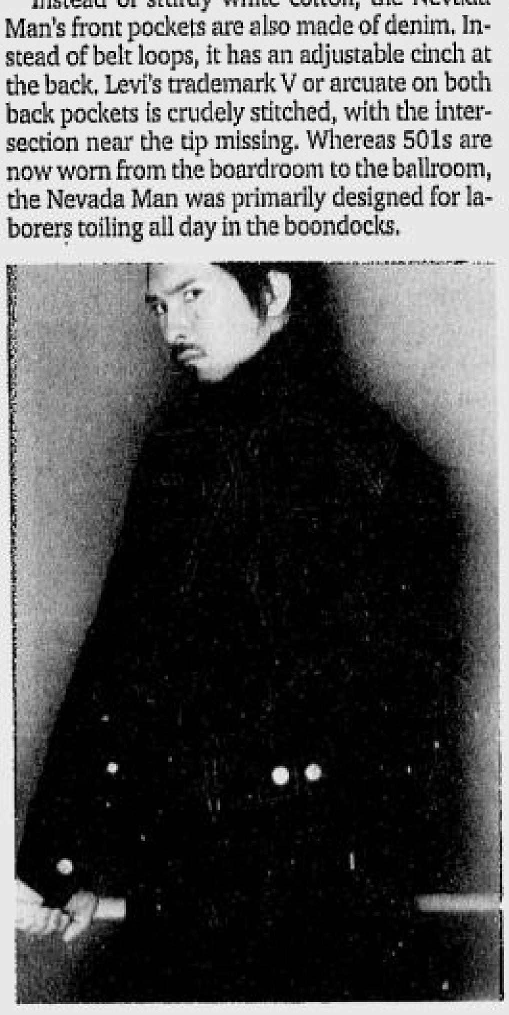
The great, great granddaddy of all 501s, the tie-dyed Nevada Man was found in a garbage dump in a Nevada mining town. It's said to date back to 1880, 10 years after Levi's, originally a dry goods company, went into the clothing business.

Downey reportedly had to shell out $50,000 to acquire the rare piece from its owner—hopefully not the original one. Since there aren't many vintage 19th century pieces left, she had to scour the entire US in search of interesting finds.

"The Levi's museum burned down during the great San Francisco fire in 1906," said Downey, a third-generation blue jeans lover. "I usually get the vintage Levi's pieces from items auctioned off on the Internet."

So what sets the Nevada Man apart from its 21st-century counterpart?

Instead of sturdy white cotton, the Nevada Man's front pockets are also made of denim. Instead of belt loops, it has an adjustable cinch at the back. Levi's trademark V or arcuate on both back pockets is crudely stitched, with the intersection near the tip missing. Whereas 501s are now worn from the boardroom to the ballroom, the Nevada Man was primarily designed for laborers toiling all day in the boondocks.



LYN Downey and the Nevada Man

"Its rivets are now missing," said Downey, who wore white gloves as she handled Levi's prized possession. "Rivets make jeans stronger."

Through the vintage pieces, it's apparent that Levi's remains responsive both to its market and to trends. When the US experienced a shortage of thread during World War II, Levi's had the arcuates on women's jeans printed instead of stitched.

"Because we're a privately owned company," said Downey, "we're more open to experiment, to taking risks. We're able to act on trends quickly, create products and market them accordingly. Our designers are not only smart fashionistas, but are also able to quickly draw inspiration from something. They're artists who invent the box and think outside of it."

Age difference

As a result, Levi's is able to come up with classics such as the Nevada Man and today's 501. Despite the "age" difference, the two have several things in common that transcend time and space.

Since the Nevada Man is the precursor of the 501, the latter also comes with a button fly. Not the silver buttons embossed with the Levi's name, mind you, but ordinary buttons made either of wood or horn. It might have escaped us, but none of the Nevada Man's components seemed to have been "Made in China."

Even in the 19th century, blue was already a popular color for jeans. How come? It's practical for one thing. Also indigo, the blue dye that was and continues to be used to color jeans, was fairly inexpensive.

"Blue is the best color to hide dirt," said Downey. Her vintage collection was born before the advent of such processes as tie-dying, stone washing and sandblasting. A pair of blue jeans back then weren't made to look tattered and faded. Like Levi's Nevada Man, they faded "naturally" from constant wear and tear.

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Our need for a 'third place'

From page L1

among readers, ages 9-90. Lifestyle would define spending, and thus business. More than a marketing pitch, lifestyle would create businesses.

True enough, over the past two decades, lifestyle issues such as fashion, diets and fitness have gone beyond the fashion/style glossies such as Vogue. They have also made hard-news weeklies or monthlies such as Time, Newsweek and Fortune very saleable. Television has also created content around lifestyle.

A perfect case of a lifestyle turning into business and vice versa, is Starbucks.

So when its Asia-Pacific head was here two weekends ago, I grabbed the chance to have a one-on-one with him. I wanted to know more about this product which spawned a lifestyle trend worldwide.

Starbucks Coffee Asia Pacific Limited president Pedro Man was here as guest of Jun and Menchu (née Tantoco) Lopez of the Rustan Group of Companies, whose Rustan Coffee is the licensee of Starbucks in the Philippines. With Margot Osmeña, Man opened Starbucks in Cebu (Ayala Center)—the first Starbucks outside of Metro Manila.

Fourth largest

There are 1,100 Starbucks places in Asia Pacific, with five million customers a week. Japan has the biggest number, and the Philippines the fourth biggest (with 56 branches), after Taiwan and Korea. Since the first Starbucks opened in 1996 in Ginza, Tokyo, the growth of the Seattle-based coffee place hasn't only been phenomenal, as everyone knows, but in some cases even lifestyle-defining. (There are 7,000 Starbucks places worldwide, enjoying 30 million customers.)

But beyond the numbers and the bottom line, what I found interesting was how Man explained the success of this coffee place in today's post-modern neighborhood. "It's a place where there's no stigma to being alone. You can just be yourself," he said.

Starbucks gave rise to the "third place"—the place where one repairs to aside from, or after, the home and the office. "The 'third place,'" said Man, "is comfortable, secure. It's not only the coffee, it's the feeling of security."

He's right. Beyond that, there grew "Starbucks neighborhoods," where people can hang out way past midnight because they feel safe. As Man pointed out, some neighborhoods even got safer after Starbucks opened in them because the place became well lit.

Noey Lopez, the Tantoco-Lopez heir who's the chief operating officer of Starbucks here, recalled that shortly after the coffee place chain opened in the country, at 6750, it became a popular hangout. People would stay on for hours, not necessarily dining, but they could be reading, even conducting a meeting. "We let them (even if this slowed down turnovers) because I remember when I was a student, I did that precisely at Starbucks, read, just hung out," said Noey, a finance graduate of University of Santa Clara in the US who has been running Starbucks here since 1997 when it opened.

EDUARDO Lopez Jr., president of Rustan Coffee; Pedro Man, president of Starbucks Coffee Asia Pacific; Monsignor Dakay, officiating priest during the blessing and Carmencita Lopez of Rustan Coffee

When Noey's grandfather, Ambassador Bienvenido Tantoco, his cousins Donni Tantoco and Anton Huang, thought of bringing Starbucks to Metro Manila, Noey recalled that some weren't optimistic about it. "But they stood their ground, confident that it would click," Noey said.

Of course, it didn't only click, it introduced a lifestyle experience—not merely drinking coffee, but using coffee, as Man said, "to fit occasions."

'Affordable luxury'

He calls the coffee-drinking-and-bonding experience an "affordable luxury. You can indulge yourself without paying through the nose." Man is a veteran of various food corporations before joining Starbucks in 1999 as president of Asia Pacific.

Before that, he spent more than eight years managing the Häagen-Dazs business and its expansion in the Far East.

Before Häagen-Dazs, Man was with Coca-Cola Far East Limited, where he managed the overall franchised bottler relationship in Singapore.

Based in Hong Kong, he has a masters of business administration degree from the University of British Columbia. He graduated from Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, Canada, with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry.

It's amazing that Starbucks is one lifestyle brand that uses no TV advertising, because, as Mr. Man noted, "the store is the branding."

There are two things that struck me from what he said: first, Starbucks regards its staff not as employees but as partners in the "people business, not just the coffee business," he said because "we want them to have the passion, training, commitment to making people enjoy the experience."

There's a homey experience in a "third place." Like he said, "the challenge is how to stay small while we grow big."

Second is—and this is perhaps a key to its global success—Starbucks is conscious of what it calls "culture fit." I take that to mean that it considers and adjusts to the culture nuances of the country, even the neighborhood, where it opens. In Hong Kong, for instance, it has the mooncake in its menu—but light and not as pasty as the traditional one.

The only bump on the road was the SARS epidemic, when Starbucks, especially in HK, was turned into, as Man put it, a "ghost town." But then it bounced back in May, and business has been on the upswing since.

Starbucks is eyeing 25,000 places worldwide. It makes for a fascinating study because this product is so skewed to how our lifestyle is shaping up. For now it answers our need for a "third place."

Would-be lifestyle entrepreneurs can note how this brand has evolved. But more than anything, brands such as Starbucks prove my point—lifestyle is never peripheral, contrary to what those editors believed. It is, in fact, agenda-setting, even in business. (Okay, am not grinning, am gloating.)

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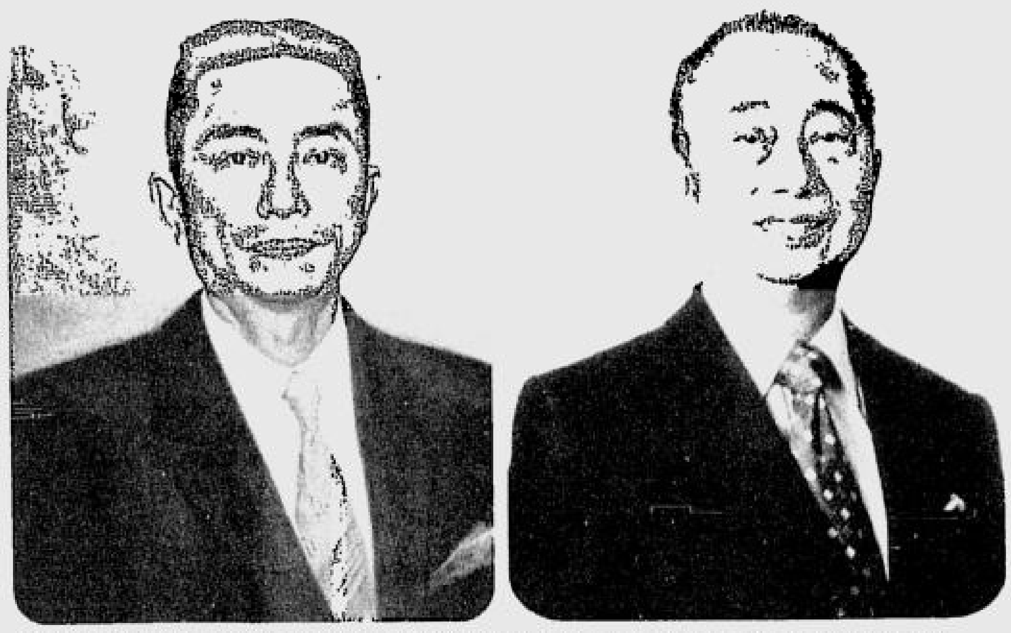
Years of Service to the Filipino: The ABS-CBN Story

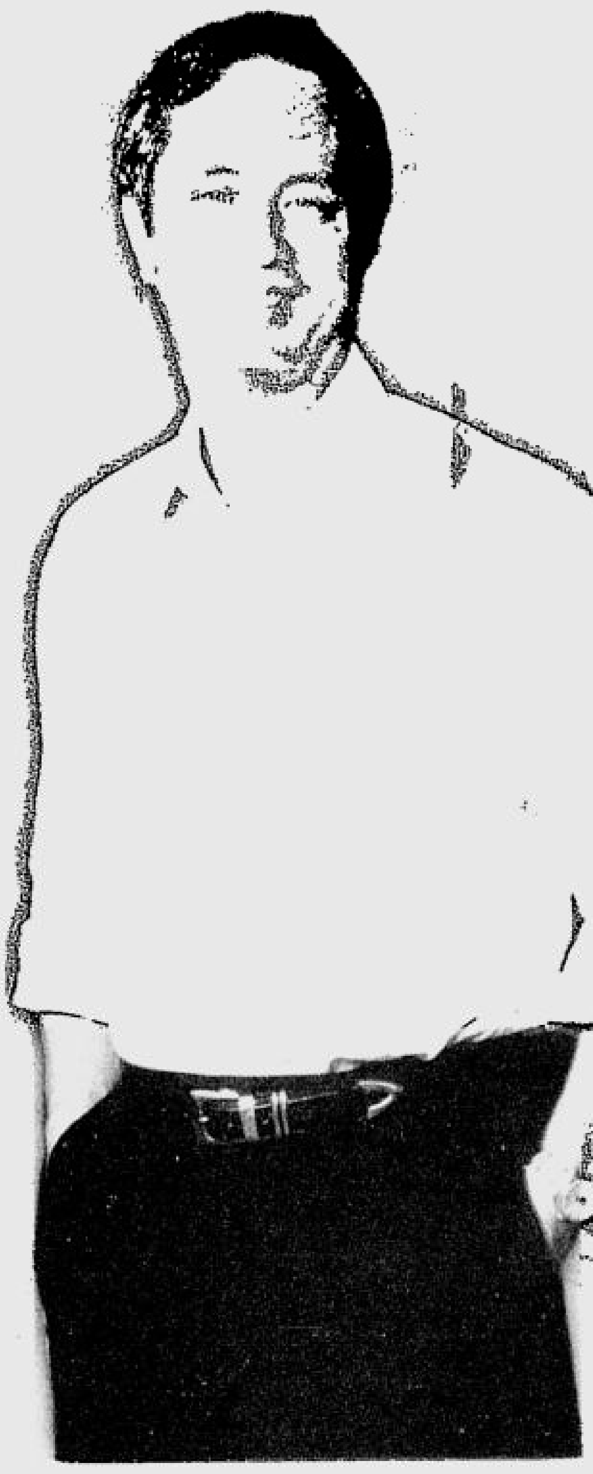
By Ella G. Mangabat

THE PHRASE "In the service of the Filipino" is more than a slogan for ABS-CBN. This mission of service is the heart and soul of the Philippines' largest broadcasting network. "In the service of the Filipino" was coined by ABS-CBN chairman emeritus Eugenio "Geny" Lopez, Jr. The phrase was also his faith, his vision, and now, his legacy.

The story of ABS-CBN is considered the tale of Philippine television. And rightly so, as the history of local television broadcasting would always go back to the day the network gave birth to a medium that would change Juan de la Cruz's life forever. It was to be a medium that would be dominated by one family, one expansive vision and one maverick institution -- ABS-CBN.

One of the key elements in the ABS-CBN success story has been its innovation that has gained for it three distinct monikers: pioneer, trailblazer and leader. As an industry leader, ABS-CBN has set the pace and established many firsts that to this day are chronicled not only in the annals of the network, but are acknowledged legacies in the broadcasting industry.





GENERATION OF LEADERS. (from left) Don Eugenio "Ening" Lopez Sr., Eugenio "Geny" Lopez Jr. and Eugenio "Gabby" Lopez III.

A medium was born

In the beginning, Alto Broadcasting System (ABS) Channel 3 was the only all-Filipino TV network, owned by Judge Antonio Quirino, the younger brother of President Elpidio Quirino. However, the first franchise to operate a TV network went to James Lindenberg, an American engineer married to a Filipina from Bolinao, Pangasinan. After the war, Lindenberg set up the Bolinao Electronics Corporation (BEC), which initially engaged into radio equipment assembly, but by November 1949 shifted to radio broadcasting.

In the next few years, after the success of his radio soap operas, Lindenberg thought the time was ripe for TV. In 1953, he got his hands on TV broadcast and became one of the proud fathers of the industry. However, the distinction of airing the first TV broadcast does not belong to Lindenberg but to Quirino who bought 70 percent of BEC and inherited the first TV franchise. Thus, the first Philippine TV channel, DZAQ (for Quirino's initials) TV Channel 3, was born.

Channel 3 started a crude operation, airing only from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., within a puny 50-mile radius. One of the first broadcasts was a party in Tony Quirino's home in San Juan. Slowly, TV began to take off.

Before the early broadcasts, there was no way to own a TV set because it was not commercially available in the country yet. But Quirino put the pieces of the TV puzzle together. He bought imported TV parts, assembled the sets and practically gave them away to his friends so that they could watch the political broadcasts of his brother, Elpidio Quirino. The result was not a political victory as Elpidio Quirino lost his reelection, but an entrepreneurial one - TV sets had found their way into the Filipino market.

The pioneers encountered obstacles that seemed insurmountable -- shortage of equipment and lack of competent personnel in TV operations, among others. In the absence of skilled and trained professionals, inexperienced people often had to fill in, doing the best they could.

The programs were mostly films borrowed from the foreign embassies, imported cartoon shows and actual coverage of events. In fact, show materials ran out fast that stage plays from the legitimate theater were transported to TV. Fr. James Reuter, a Jesuit and pioneer of both TV and the theater, mounted the first play on TV in 1953, "Cyrano de Bergerac," which aired for three hours. It was said to be the first dramatic TV production in the history of the Philippines.

The Pandora's box of problems and challenges in the early start of TV was never uniquely ours. All TV pioneers around the globe went through similar experiences,

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The Filipino Channel: The Way Back Home

RENE Encarnacion, senior vice president of ABS-CBN Global Inc.

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OVER the past years, there has been a relative increase of the number of Filipinos leaving their home country and basing themselves permanently abroad for reasons such as employment and immigration. For the longest time, a great number of these Filipinos, having been detached from their culture, have longed to feel that they are actually "at home" again.

During the last decade, however, many Filipinos have established businesses and organizations abroad, which cater to this particular market of homesick Pinoys. Filipinos based in a selected number of countries have gotten a chance to once again taste halo-halo, see Martin Nievera perform live, and, believe it or not, hear the news directly from Korina Sanchez's lips on live TV. Yes, besides the scrumptious desert and the occasional concerts, kababayans have been able to access the local Filipino programs through ABS-CBN's The Filipino Channel.

Through the efforts of ABS-CBN Global Limited, Pinoys from the United States, the Middle East, Japan, and, only recently, Europe have been able to watch the Philippines' most popular and top-rating TV programs. The Filipino Channel or TFC can be accessed either through certain cable TV providers or through the use of satellite receivers.

Most of the major cities in the United States, for instance, rely on cable TV providers while homeowners in the mid-states use the satellite due to coverage limitations. Cable subscribers pay $10 to $14 monthly for TFC, while satellite users pay $300 for the dish and installation charges and a monthly service fee of $23.

The decision to expand towards Europe was made due to the significant increase of Filipinos in the continent. An estimated 500,000 Pinoys all over the United Kingdom and Italy have recently gained access to The Filipino Channel.

Although a base of operations has been established in Milan for the last five years, according to senior vice president of

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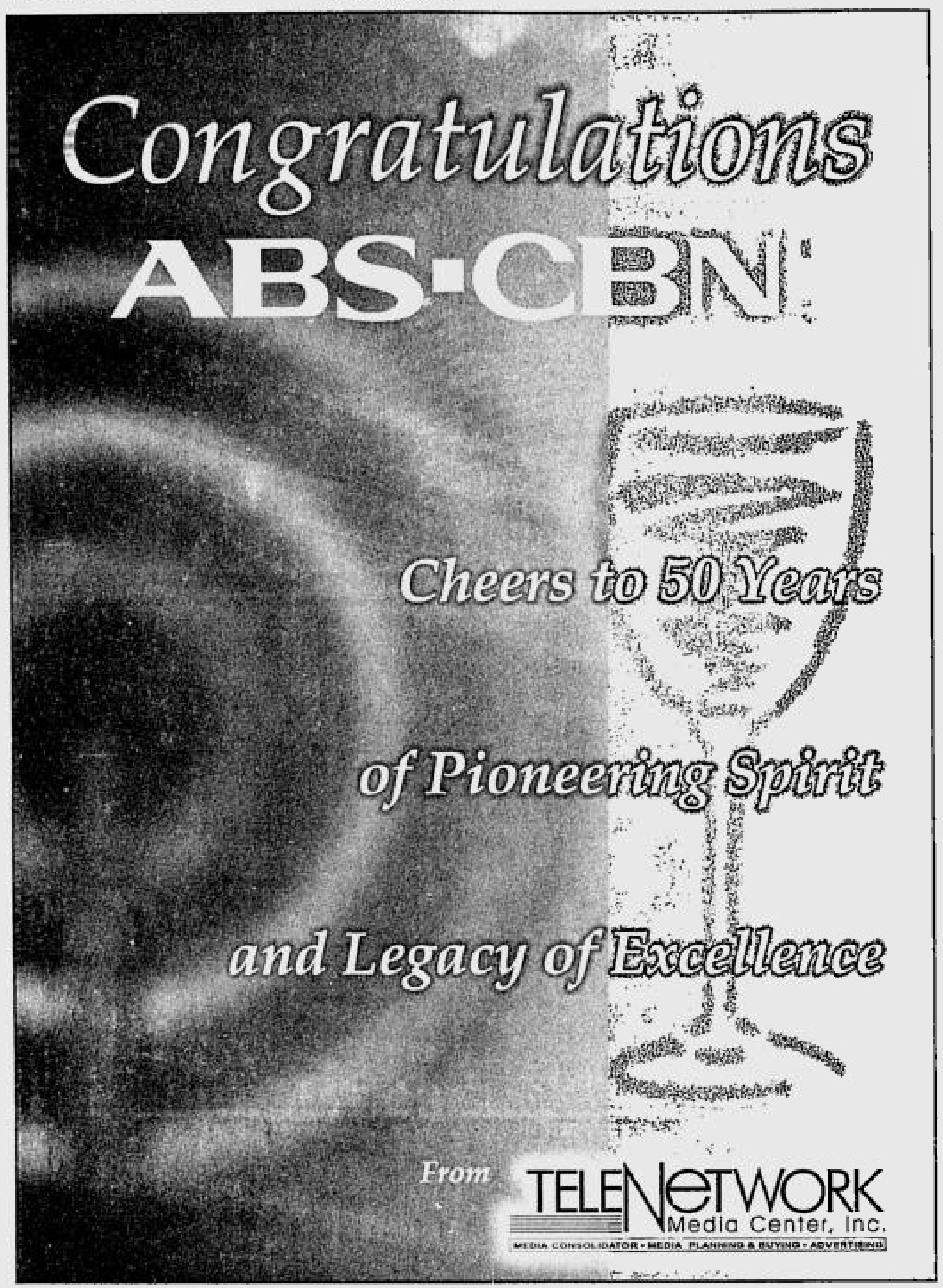

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CHARO SANTOS-CONCIO

Lady boss is an integral part of ABS-CBN's success

By John M. Unson

SANTOS-CONCIO. From actress to network executive.

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CHARO Santos-Concio, the executive vice-president and head of entertainment of the ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation, is responsible for many of the station's sources of success, one of which is Dolphy's long-running sitcom, "Home Along da Riles" and the long-running drama anthology, "Maalaala Mo Kaya," which she also hosts. Being one of the big bosses at ABS-CBN, Concio may be initially perceived as the cliché boss: a strict and stressed person who keeps on raising her voice. What she really is is the exact opposite. Concio, who is fondly called "CSC" by her ABS-CBN family, is the network's crutch, not just professionally but also emotionally.

Concio is very close and personally attached to all the staff and employees of the station, from the executives to the utility men. She is very approachable and open-minded towards the ideas and suggestions of both her colleagues and subordinates. In fact, most of her ABS-CBN family look up to her and deem her as a "mother" because she is always considerate and she takes care of them.

Although she is a great people-person, Concio is equally striking with her skill at entertainment. Proof of this is the work she has done in showbiz, both as an actress and a network executive for nearly 30 years now.

Charo was born in Calapan, Mindoro where she was already a movie fan at a very early age. She would watch in the local theater via tall bayabas trees and would be mesmerized by the show and, at the same time, thoroughly enjoy it. Her family eventually moved to the capital at Lepanto, Manila and settled there which brought her closer to the stars she wanted to meet. She narrates that some times she would join long lines outside ABS-CBN, having an uncle who was working at that time in the company. She would always find a way to speak with him just to get inside the studio and see a random actor.

Evidently, Concio was a fan of the ABS-CBN shows and that proved an important trait in running an entertainment faction of a broadcasting company: a deep passion and the love for the show.

"There is a big difference between striving and being successful, but not feeling alive through every working hour, and actually working with a passion behind you, not thinking of benefits like salary or anything like that except for the joy of watching something you built actually works," she says. Other than this, Concio not only lived the life of a fan, but also ventured in the on-camera experience.

Having joined a beauty pageant as she bloomed into a beautiful young girl, Concio caught the eye of talent scouts, particularly the late film director Lino Brocka. The latter got in touch with Concio and asked her to audition for a role, convincing her that she had a future in show business. Concio was initially in extreme anxiety not because of the flattering offer, but because of the fact that she was a fan of the legendary director and was actually on the line with him. She then, of course, accepted the opportunity with great enthusiasm.

Concio instantly made her mark among movie-goers when she delivered a noteworthy performance in Mike de Leon's film, "Itim," for which she bagged the Asia best actress award. She was, however, asked by her father to cease from appearing in the movies and from kissing her lead actors. Concio, being the obedient daughter that she is, naturally rejected the many offers that swamped her after her successful big screen debut. Her father's death, however, made her change her mind about acting, since her financial contribution could very much support her family.

From then on, Concio made a name in Philippine cinema and starred in over 30 films, subsequently earning recognition and prestige from both the fans and the filmmakers. She was in films like "Kisapmata," "Gumapang Ka sa Lusak" and "Kakaba-kaba Ka Ba?" Later, Concio decided to try her luck behind the camera and took a job as production manager at ABS-CBN. She was placed under media maverick Freddie Garcia, who trained her and taught her the business. Before this, however, she already ventured into production having helped in the making of movies like "Oro, Plata, Mata" and "Himala."

Besides the fact that Concio was a capable leader, having graduated valedictorian during her high school years and having achieved cum laude honors from her collegiate studies at St. Paul's Manila, what her colleagues discovered from her were her natural and excellent people skills. She caught the attention of the different departments as she expressed her concerns and made her comments and suggestions toward the success of the company. Most of all, she was also warm to the people, a trait which made her a capable "guidance councilor."

Charo Santos-Concio has been an integral part of ABS-CBN's success over the years. She has not only innovatively come up with top-rating shows, but has also been an inspiration to her ABS-CBN family. Her contribution can never be forgotten nor replaced by anyone, which basically describes her impact as a leader and a servant of Philippine TV.

It can be easily said that without Charo Santos-Concio, there would not be 50 years of TV worth celebrating today, nor would there be a leading station like ABS-CBN.

ABS-CBN Interactive goes beyond TV

By Ailene R. Toribio

CARLO Katigbak, managing director of ABS-CBN Interactive

ABS-CBN, the country's leading network, lives up to its commitment to be the industry's trailblazer by going beyond television. Through ABS-CBN Interactive Inc., the network's interactive media subsidiary, ABS-CBN becomes the first broadcasting network to launch an interactive TV platform using the world wide web and SMS technologies.

ABS-CBN Interactive was founded in 1998. It initially launched ABS-CBN.com in 1996 followed by ABS-CBN-News.com, which is a partnership with the print publication, Today. In 2000, ABS-CBN Interactive launched its Internet portal, Pinoycentral (www.pinoycentral.com), to provide content and interactivity to Filipinos worldwide.

ABS-CBN.com pioneered "celebrity chats" which gave Filipinos around the world the chance to talk directly to big-name ABS-CBN stars via its chatrooms. ABS-CBNNews was the first local website to feature "Flash Reports" or breaking news items that were updated on the websites as soon as the news broke. Pinoycentral was ABS-CBN's portal geared towards consolidating all types of Filipino content and services under one website.

In 2001, with the realization that the number of Internet users in the Philippines was not growing as forecasted, ABS-CBN Interactive began exploring the use of SMS as another interactive medium. "We took advantage of the wide deployment of cellphones and the Pinoys love for texting. The fact that a very large segment of the population owned cellphones allowed us to launch interactive TV services to the mass market. We realize that as a third world country, we may not see the near-term development of Interactive TV services for the mass market via sophisticated technologies such as cable modems or direct-to-home satellite because of the prohibitive costs involved. However, many of these activities can be done utilizing SMS."

Today, the Philippines is leading the rest of the world in Interactive TV applications via SMS. Using cellphones, TV audiences can vote for which program to watch, they can send in their messages and have them aired on-screen, they can download ringtones of their favorite music videos, or they can get breaking news at anytime.

"The technology will progress very quickly and it's a matter of time before the mass audience will be able to receive TV over their phones," said Carlo Katigbak, managing director of ABS-CBN Interactive. "Already today, high-end phones are capable of receiving short, low-resolution video clips."

ABS-CBN Interactive has received various nominations and awards for its websites and mobile applications. It has consistently been part of The Philippine Web Awards and has won the People's Choice Entertaiment Site of the Year for three years straight. It has also been awarded the Compaq Multimedia Website of the Year and the Cellmania WAP Site of the Year.

ABS-CBN is truly making its mark not only in the history of Philippine broadcasting industry but in the field of Interactive Media as well.

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ABS-CBN subsidiaries

ABS-CBN is changing with the times. It has evolved from a broadcasting network to a total entertainment and information company with each business contributing a part in its production of quality programs and converging with others to create products which would further serve the Filipino.

Exploring new avenues of growth that would further enhance our business operations

Star Cinema

ABS-CBN ventured into movie production and distribution in 1993 through its movie outfit Star Cinema. The film company produces an average of 20 movies a year and ranks second among local movie companies in terms of capturing market share. The highest grossing films in the country to date are also from Star Cinema - the phenomenal Vilma Santos-starrer, "Anak" and the Fernando Poe, Jr.-Judy Ann Santos tandem "Isusumbong Kita sa Tatay Ko." Since 1994, Star Cinema's films have also been exhibited for possible market distribution and competition in various international film festivals including Toronto International Film Festival, Hongkong International Film Festival, Fukuoka Film Festival (Fukuoka, Japan) and Ourense Film Festival (Spain) among others. On international TV, Star Cinema's movies such as Madrasta, Mga Lalake sa Buhay ni Selya, and Bata-Bata Paano Ka Ginawa? have been aired in HBO Asia.

Star Recording, Inc.

Star Records - ABS-CBN's music recording arm has embarked on its own artist and repertoire development since it began operating commercially in 1995. The recording outfit has had a number of gold and multi-platinum albums to its credit and has also increased its roster of exclusive artists. Despite being one of the newer companies in the recording business, Star Records is already acknowledged as one of the major players in the industry.

ABS-CBN Interactive

ABS-CBN Interactive, in operation since 1996, runs two of the Philippines' most popular websites. ABS-CBN.COM and PinoyCentral.com reaches out especially to the Filipino community that does not have direct access to news and information about the Philippines. The websites' news, entertainment and community pages regularly service around 9,000 members and thousands more international visitors. Electronic commerce and retail services, directory services and other innovative means to reach out to Filipinos are also featured in the sites. ABS-CBN Interactive fulfills ABS-CBN's mission to deliver "news on demand" via the third medium, after radio and television.

Studio 23

Studio 23, the UHF station of ABS-CBN with its niche foreign language programming draws high numbers via American TV series and programs that appeal to young and upscale viewers. Studio 23's exclusive broadcast of the Metropolitan Basketball Association also serves to increase the channel's ratings. A viewership study by Trends-MBL confirms that Studio 23 ranks 2nd in the ABC market, second only to ABS-CBN Channel 2, and 1st in the ABC 12-24 age group segment

The Roadrunner Network

Roadrunner is a network of majority-owned post-production companies dealing with offline editing for the advertising industry through Video-Post Manila, 3D computer graphics imaging through Cinevideo Arts Philippines, film editing through Pre-Post, audio post production through Audio Post, original music scoring, composition and sound de-

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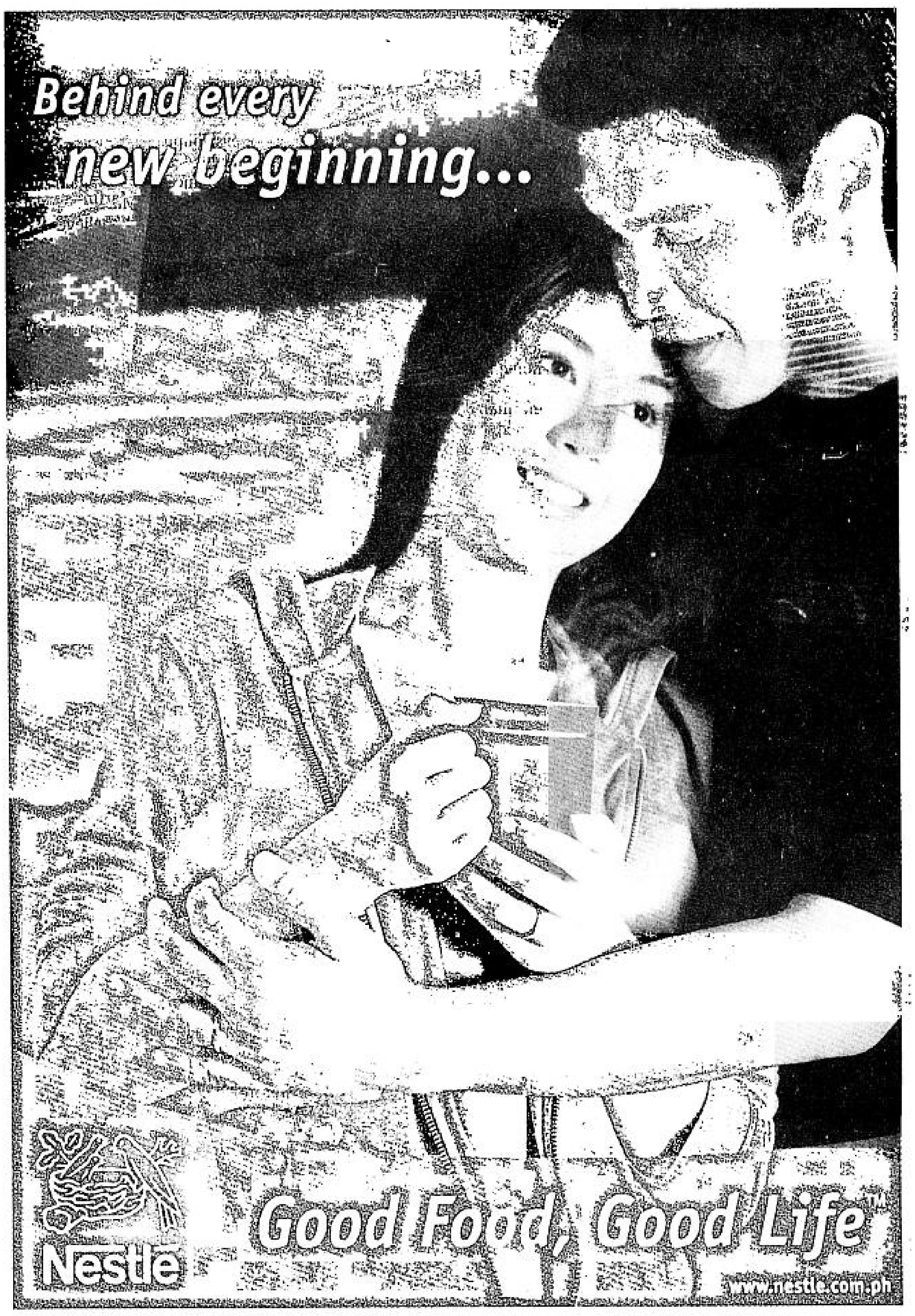

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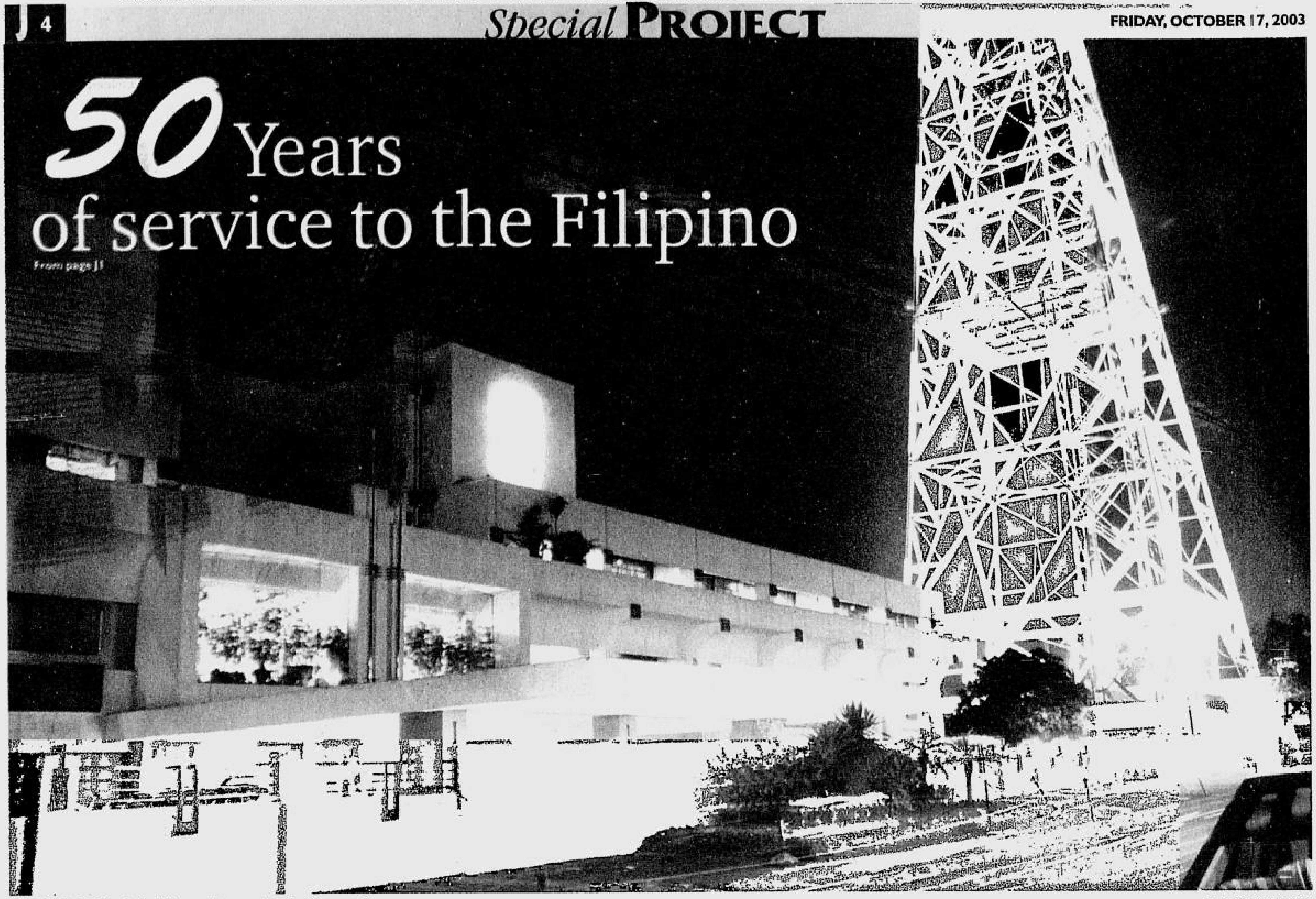

THE ABS-CBN main building and transmitter in Quezon City

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something that was overcome only through sheer dedication and determination.

The writing of a history

But expanding ABS TV required more resources than either Quirino and Lindenberg had. Thus, in January 1957, Quirino sold ABS to Don Eugenio "Eñing" Lopez Sr., the famed tycoon who then merged it with his Chronicle Broadcasting Network (CBN). It was said that Ka Eñing and Tony signed their agreement on a paper napkin and with that makeshift beginning, the fate of the country's TV was sealed. The merged companies would eventually be known as ABS-CBN, the Philippines' largest network.

By mid-1960's, under the leadership of Eugenio "Geny" Lopez, Jr., son of Ka Eñing, ABS-CBN began to soar. He built the first modern broadcast center in Asia and sired the Golden Age of Philippine Television. Consequently, ABS-CBN became the home of many firsts, creating Philippine broadcast history along the way. It was the first to put up a television station outside the capital city, the first to broadcast in color, the first to air live via satellite, among others.

But the declaration of Martial Law in 1972 brought the network's golden age to a screeching halt. ABS-CBN was shut down and Geny was arrested and sent to jail. ABS-CBN employees scattered to other jobs and other networks. The network fell silent for 14 long years.

Rising from the ashes

When the dictatorship ended, ABS-CBN went down to almost nothing. Geny returned to the Philippines after years of exile in the United States and ABS-CBN went back on the air, but with low budget and limited resources. When it resumed operations, it ranked fifth among the country's stations. However, Geny was determined to rebuild this media empire and restore it to its former glory.

> The next 50 years for ABS-CBN are yet to be the most challenging and exciting

ABS-CBN began to re-establish its presence with the introduction of innovative mass-based programming in an era when foreign canned shows dominated the boob tube. Leading the re-engineering of its programming was "TV Patrol," the early evening Tagalog newscast which revolutionized the treatment of news as info-tainment, hitting the very core of the Filipino psyche.

ABS-CBN's re-launch in 1987 as the Star Network proved to be a smart move. By 1988, the network moved up the ratings ladder with a speed that astonished everyone. From the lowest ranked station, it soon catapulted to the number one spot, a position it has never relinquished since. That same year, all the top ten slots in the ratings were ABS-CBN programs, like "The Sharon Cuneta Show," "Chika, Chika Chicks," "Loveli-Ness" and "Palibhasa Lalake."

Provincial operations

Also in 1988, the network resumed provincial operations and Geny's long-held dream of linking the archipelago via satellite finally happened. Satellite broadcasting was not cheap, costing P40 million a year. But Geny took the risk. The satellite broadcasts were a resounding success. With it, ABS-CBN was able to give advertisers more coverage and more value for their money. It also further strengthened ABS-CBN's hold of the top spot.

In June 1992, ABS-CBN went public at the Philippine Stock Exchange, the first Philippine network to do so. That year also saw ABS-CBN launching its international operations in Daly City, USA. Two years later, the network expanded its operations globally, and launched The Filipino Channel (TFC). Today, ABS-CBN shows can be seen on TFC operating in North America, Europe, the Middle East, Australia, Guam and Japan.

ABS-CBN also engaged in other entertainment and information-related businesses like cinema, recording and post-production. The Far Eastern Economic Review regularly included ABS-CBN among its list of Asia's top 200 companies; Asian Business considered it as one of Asia's Most Admired Companies.

ABS-CBN, today and tomorrow

Even after the dawn of the new millennium, ABS-CBN's dominance remained, with its high-quality programming being patronized by the Filipino viewing public. It has truly become the national network with transmissions reaching 97 percent of all households in the country. The reputation that the network has earned for itself has propelled it to its current status as the leading content provider for news, information and entertainment that have gone beyond our shores.

After 50 years of being ahead in the broadcast curve, ABS-CBN continues to make history, not only in the TV industry but also across all other entertainment and media related platforms. Today, ABS-CBN is the only Philippine multi-media conglomerate with platforms in TV, radio, cable television, motion picture production, music recording, internet and magazine publishing, uniquely positioned to offer its clients unparalleled opportunities in advertising and cross promotion. More importantly, ABS-CBN's original and innovative content has made these platforms number one in their respective fields.

ABS-CBN's generation of leaders from Don Eugenio "Ening" Lopez Sr., Eugenio "Geny" Lopez Jr., to Eugenio "Gabby" Lopez III, chairman and CEO, is undeniably the network's secret weapon in its continuing success.

Lopez III continues to usher ABS-CBN into the global landscape, as a provider of entertainment and information to the broader market. Like his grandfather and father, Lopez III believes in the Filipino talent and earmarks resources to mine it.

Meanwhile, Pinoy TV's very own maverick, Federico M. Garcia, president and COO, continues to break new grounds in the industry, what with his inimitable genius in setting trends in TV programming. Together, they are steering ABS-CBN into the 21st century media giant but with the same heart and soul.

"In the service of the Filipino has been the value of ABS-CBN that continues to be a very strong part that drives this organization," Lopez III said.

Indeed, with 50 years of service to the Filipino behind it, ABS-CBN's trailblazing tradition is sure to extend five decades more and the next 50 years are yet to be the most challenging and exciting years in the history of Philippine TV.

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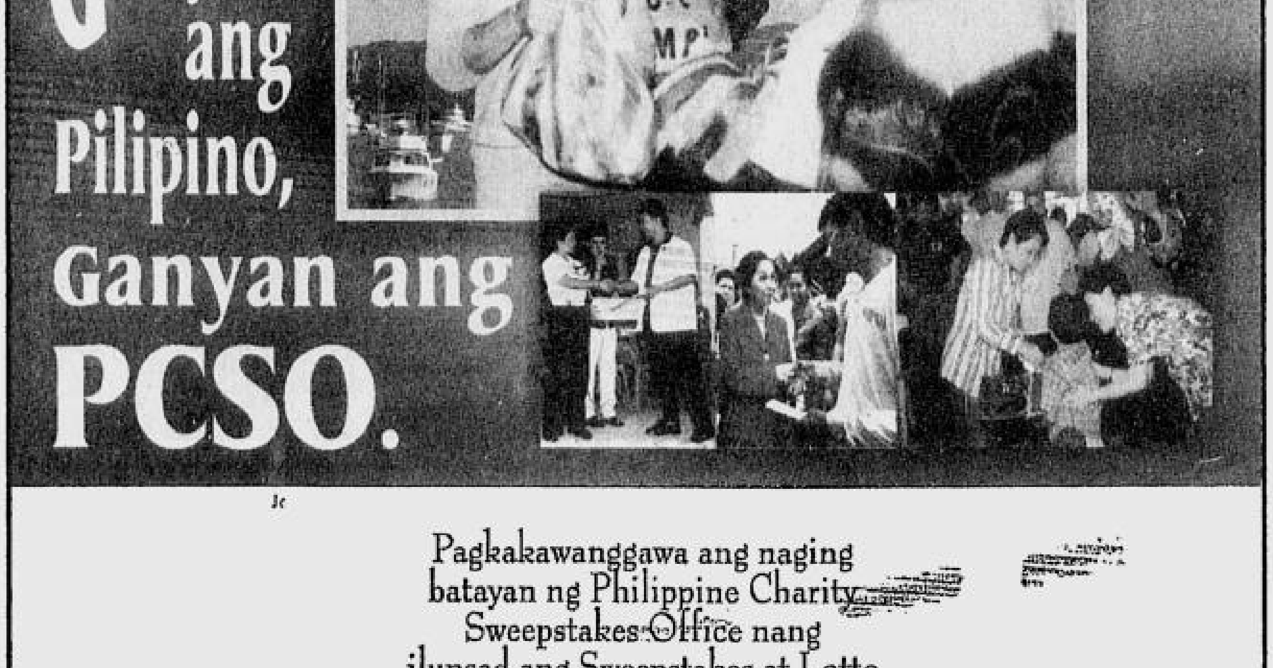
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ABS-CBN Global Inc. Rene Encarnacion, operations officially started only last August 22, 2003 when The Filipino Channel's signal was formally released. Encarnacion also adds that ABS-CBN plans to further expand to the Asian regions, particularly in Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Encarnacion informs The Filipino Channel carries various genres like dramas, comedies, news, current affairs, musical varieties, talk shows, magazines, youth programs, sports, movies and religious shows. Recently, however, TFC has been bundled with three other Philippine channels. First is Cinema 1, which is a 24-hour movie channel where Pinoys can view both the classics and the latest theatrical releases. Next is a 24-hour ABS-CBN News Channel (ANC) and last is a source of regional, travel and sports programs called Pinoy Central TV, available only in the United States. Radio listeners can also tune in to the DZMM news and commentary AM station and the DWRR music FM station.

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Going beyond the clouds

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GARCIA. Master builder, risk-taker, marketing genius, dreamer.

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THROUGHOUT Philippine broadcasting history, one name stands out among the competing networks: ABS-CBN. The ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation has reached many great feats and has been number one for the past 16 consecutive years. According to many industry players, one of the reasons why ABS-CBN is on top is due to the genius and effective strategies of one man: Federico M. Garcia.

Garcia, popularly known as FMG, has been said to have changed Philippine Television not only for the gain of the company he is loyal to, but for the industry as a whole. He has introduced and cultivated many ideas which have influenced, and at the same time entertained, the masses: The Filipinization of television programming, the rise and current influence of the primetime soap operas, the regionalization of local TV programming, the use of the Filipino language in newscasts and entertainment programs (including foreign shows), the rise of info-tainment in news, and many more.

Cunning business strategy

Garcia was born on the 13th of July, 1943 in the province of Cavite. He is the seventh of nine children and is the son of a Philippine Navy dental surgeon. As a young man, Garcia already showed cunning business strategy through simple projects like helping fishermen gain access to marine areas and giving young shoeshine boys customers, both, of course, for a certain amount of commission.

As Garcia reached his adolescence, he took his collegiate studies at UP Diliman and tried his luck at selling cars. It was also during this time when there was a certain focus in Freddie's love life, particularly with Gloria, his childhood sweetheart, who was later to be his future wife.

At age 23, Garcia took a job at the Lopez-owned Channel 9 station selling commercials. During this time, this particular station trailed last in the ratings race to a point where it showed "freebie" commercials taken from its sister company Channel 2, the pride of the Lopez broadcasting empire.

Blood and sweat

Having known that Channel 2 catered to the masses, Garcia decided to target the higher end viewers by showing particular shows in Channel 9 like "The Flying." He targeted receptive businessmen, worked eight days a week, and gave his blood and sweat for the development of the station. As a result, sales tripled and he was promoted to sales manager in only three years.

However, due to economic problems, Channel 9 again went to a slump. Eugenio Lopez Jr. transferred Garcia to the radio division of his company and again, the latter showed much potential to his employers. Studying the rates of Manila radio commercials, he discovered that these radio ads were extremely underpriced considering that they were being heard all over Luzon. Consequently, he increased the rates which resulted to a 300 percent increase in radio sales.

Eugenio Lopez Jr. immediately noticed the successful performance and undeniable potential of Garcia. ELJ started to groom Garcia as he has found his protégé. And just when things were looking good, Martial Law was declared.

Other opportunities

Garcia was forced out of the job, with a hundred others, and his boss was arrested. Having no choice, Garcia sought other opportunities at RBS Channel 7 (later GMA 7) with ELJ's permission, of course, under the condition that he would return to his roots once ABS-CBN would be re-opened.

Again, Garcia showed greatness even at another station. The odds were against him having to battle three Marcos-owned stations. But Garcia again somehow reached beyond the clouds. Freddie went upscale and brought imported programming to the Philippines. He strategically convinced American producers and used their shows to battle the Marcos-controlled competitors. Because of Garcia, the Filipinos in the '70's enjoyed programs like "Rich Man, Poor Man," "Charlie's Angels," "Three's Company," "Chips," "Starsky and Hutch" and many others, pushing GMA 7 to no. 1 ranking for three years. Along with veteran Lito Balquiedra, Garcia coined a tag line which immortalized GMA 7 and was used for quite a long time by the station: "Where you belong." He also built Network Marketing Inc., a company engaged in the overall programming and marketing of the client network. Using this company, FMG successfully aired shows like "Penthouse Live," "Anna Liza" and others. Through all this, however, Garcia simply waited for the return of ABS-CBN.

Old glory

When Marcos was overthrown by the EDSA revolution, ABS-CBN was returned to its rightful owner. The Lopezes gathered their chess pieces together and started the show once more using the line: "Watch us do it again!" This attempt, however, failed miserably which got ELJ into thinking. He then figured that he needed back his protégé. He got Garcia back to recapture the old glory of ABS-CBN. Garcia, with partners Rolly V. Cruz, Charo Santos-Concio, Salvii Casino, Johnny Manahan and Lopez-heir Eugenio "Gabby". Lopez III, toiled their way towards the top line which proved to be challenging for the newly reborn station. Garcia partnered with Mother Lily, who then provided the much needed stars and funding to produce shows that make it to no. 1. In 6 months, ABS-CBN jumped from rank no. 5 to the top position.

Many people question the style, strategy and success of Freddie Garcia but he proceeded and proved them all wrong. What is Garcia's secret? There was talent, for sure. And there was also patience and perseverance. But other people also had these and still Garcia's career stood out among many others. There was then the one trait that brought Garcia his success and ABS-CBN its current no. 1 position. It was his ability to harness the best people in the industry. In Garcia's own words: "I had more that just a team of passionate and dedicated people. I had more than strong and loyal lieutenants. I had more than wise advisers and mentors. I had a family -- a family who knows my heart as deeply as I know theirs. ABS-CBN was my family. Together we made work seem like magic. Together, we were winners even before we won."

Why do we still keep trying, year after year?

As soon as the entry forms arrive, a faint buzz begins to hum along the corridors. We have been preparing for weeks.

A meeting is called to review what we have accomplished for the year that just whizzed by. We fret that we have not done enough; not by half.

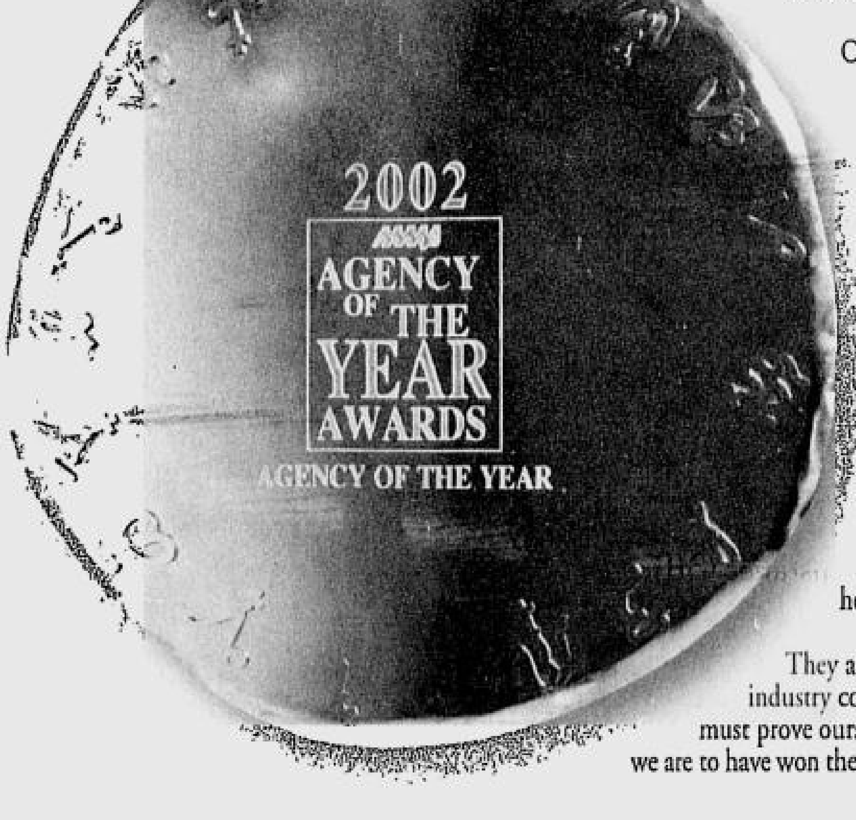
We take deep breaths and exhale slowly. After a few minutes of reflection, the assignments are made. By teams, we offer to gather the data, do the drafts and make the recommendations.

Not long after, it is time to decide on the best of our best. The buzz is a discernible current now, as we argue and compare.

A consensus is reached! Now our focus shifts to a single output: success cases whose facts speak for themselves, and a creative sampling that demonstrates the breadth of our clientele and the variety of media we use to deliver on the goals.

The process is not unlike the one we employ for our clients. We demand that fresh incisive thinking be the core of any proposal, that truth be its singular adornment, and collaboration its polish.

Our entry goes off on the wings of a collective mantra. If we deserve to, we will win.



This year, as in the past, not everyone could make it to the awards night, but our spirits were in full attendance. In between bursts of humor and prayer, we silently prepared to lose with grace, but were graced with victory instead.

Contests are always nerve-wracking. But they're toughest for the leader.

To take top recognition five times in six years is not easy. You see, the silver discs don't only shine, they weigh, and heavily, on those who win them.

They are shields of honor, emblazoned with the industry coat of arms… a constant reminder that we must prove ourselves every single day, and that proud as we are to have won the distinction, it is, already, last year's award.

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ABS-CBN's many firsts

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2000 - Sustained industry leadership in the new millennium having [illegible] No.1 [illegible] and UHF channels and the No.1 AM and FM radio stations

ceives its 1st two Ampex videotape recorders, an innovation for the local broadcast industry. A single recorder costs around $80,000. A single tape costs P1,000.

1964- The 1st show to be taped is An Evening with Pilita

1965- The Citizen's Awards for Television (CAT) is formed, forerunner of PATAS and Sining Awards. In February, ABS-CBN wins most of the awards, including awards for Pilita Corrales, Sylvia La Torre, and Jose Miranda Cruz, as well as an award for overall programming.

First Educational TV Show - Education on TV, a program that teaches different secondary level subjects to its viewers including physics and chemistry. In 1965, ABS-CBN puts on "Romper Room," an educational TV show with a live cast of actual nursery school students. It runs Mondays to Fridays at 11. Geny says: "It still doesn't rate, but we're keeping it because it's needed."

1966- Longest Running News Program - "The World Tonight"

First Station Corporate Logo - ABS -CBN also decides on a logo. Iggy Vitalis of promotions is in charge of the process. After many meetings, the executives agree on a logo using three concentric circles. Geny doodles a bit and designs the line down the middle, symbolizing the transmission tower. This becomes the final version of the logo. Later, Wili Fernandez will revise the typography, to make it clearer and easier to read, but otherwise the logo has remained the same for over 35 years.

First Color TV - In June, Geny Lopez forges an agreement between RCA and ABS-CBN/Bolinao for the establishment of the 1st color TV broadcasting in the Philippines. Philippines is the second Asian nation to introduce color TV, the 1st being Japan. Geny plans to install RCA color equipment in CBN Channel 3 and have color on air by November. The 1st to go color are the US shows, which are already in color to begin with; the ABS-CBN local shows convert to color from 1967-70. The color broadcast equipments costs P2M and is three times more expensive to maintain than black and white equipment.

1967- 1st 36-Hour Marathon TV-Radio Election Coverage: ABS-CBN has been covering elections, but for the 1st time, thru Halalan '67, the network gave a 36-hour stretch of election reports.

1968- 1st Live TV News Report on a Disaster - Ruby Towers - On August 2, Friday, an early morning earthquake causes the Ruby Towers, a six-story building on Doroteo Jose St. in Manila to collapse. Over 300 die. Since Johnny Midnight has the graveyard shift, he is on deck when panicked calls come in. Johnny takes the calls and tries to calm the people. Once morning comes, Johnny de Leon takes over and with his roving reporter, Rey Pascua, airs reports of the situation in Manila. The ABS-CBN TV news team rushes to the site and uses an OB van to do live coverage. Among those who distinguish themselves are Hal Bowie, James Arce, Vic Garcia, Marcio Co, Orly Mercado, Tony Seva, Danny Hernandez, Elmo Valera, Jorge Arago, and Johnny Midnight. This demonstrates a new capability to cover breaking news in an industry that used to be very slow to respond.

1969- First Interplanetary Event Coverage - Man on the Moon on July 20, 1969

1972- First Telethon: Artists' Serving the Public- "Typhoon Isang" On July 17, Typhoon Isang strikes Metro Manila; it rains for the next 20 days, causing floods that blanket Metro Manila and much of Central Luzon. As the flood worsens, Radyo Patrol is no longer able to move around in Land Cruisers. Bobby Guanzon borrows an amphibious truck from Jess Lucas and uses it to rove around disaster areas, deliver relief goods, and in some cases, bring victims to higher ground. When the truck breaks down, Radyo Patrol borrows a helicopter from Ayala Corporation and continues. In response to the Luzon floods, ABS-CBN airs on August 5 a fund drive telethon called "Damayan" with stars like Dolphy, Tina Revilla, Nora Aunor, Vilma Santos and Tony Santos Sr. It runs from 6-12 pm and involves nearly every ABS-CBN star. ABS-CBN donates the airtime and P12,000 in cash. The stars and staff work for free, even donating another P12,000. "Damayan" raises P33,800, plus thousands more in donations of food and clothing from big advertisers. This marks the 1st TV appearance of Nora and Vilma together in several years.

First Simulcast Nationwide Telecast- ABS-CBN prepares to make the 1st simultaneous nationwide telecast in late September. Through microwave technology, ABS-CBN programs would reach Negros, Panay, Cebu, Bohol, Leyte, Samar, Iloilo, and Northern Luzon. The network has built high towers in several high mountains such as Kaladong in Negros, Busay in Cebu, and Banoy in Benguet to allow this transmission. The building of several towers in Mindanao would complete a nationwide microwave network. This would fulfill the dream of Geny for "Bridges on the Air."

1986- Democracy is restored through the People Power EDSA Revolution. ABS-CBN reverts to the Lopez family and resumes operations in 14 September of that year.

First Consistent High Rating Filipino Newscast- "TV Patrol" with its fast paced and interesting angling of newsbits, TV Patrol has won the public's interest here and abroad. In 1992, TV Patrol is the 1st Filipino newscast to be seen by the Filipino in the USA thru The Filipino Channel.

1987- ABS-CBN is relaunched as "The Star Network" in March, bringing together the biggest names in movies and television to its fold. "TV Patrol" revolutionizes TV newscasts. ABS-CBN makes broadcast history when it leaps from cellar dweller to No. 1 in less than six months of relaunched operations.

1988- "Bridges on the Air" becomes a reality as ABS-CBN broadcasts via domestic satellite system.

1992- In June, ABS-CBN goes public, opening at P15 per share. The shares closeat P25.50 at the end of the day. ABS-CBN regional stations begin producing programs for the local audience.

Launching its international operations in Daly City only in February of the same year, ABS-CBN signs a historic lease with PanAmSat, and switches from taped international telecasts to live satellite feeds

1993- First Broadcasting Corporation to Go Public - On November 25, Benpres is listed in the Manila Stock Exchange in a P3B initial public offering; 18 percent of the company is sold to the public. The IPO is very successful, partly due to the performance of ABS-CBN.

First Television Company to be Awarded by an International Financial Review: Far Eastern Economic Review- and for 9 straight years, ABS-CBN has been recognized by the Far Eastern Economic Review as 1 of the top 10 corporations in the Philippines. Similarly, the Asian Business News has cited ABS-CBN as the most admired broadcasting corporation.

ABS-CBN's foray into other entertainment-related businesses begins as Star Cinema debuts with the blockbuster "Adan Ronquillo."

1994- First Media-Based Organization in the Service of the Filipino Child: Before 1994, television was seriously lacking in programs that underscored academic excellence and promoted patriotism and good values to the young. Educational Television filled that void. The 1st joint venture between a media company and the public school system, ETV has won recognition from everywhere in the world. ABS-CBN Foundation's Bantay Kalikasan has placed environmental concerns at the forefront of the public's consciousness since its inception in 1998. With Bantay Kalikasan; Bantay Bata 163; Bantay Usok; Bantay Baterya; Children's Village; Bayan Micro-finance

First Filipino Channel Abroad: TFC- On February 25, the 1st ads for ABS-CBN International's The Filipino Channel appear, promising an Easter Sunday launch date. On the 1st day, they receive calls from more than 1,000 people interested in subscribing. In April, The Filipino Channel debuts. Despite some technical glitches (no sound for the 1st few hours), the Filipino Channel is a success. Monchet Olives is in charge, with Manuel "Beaver" Lopez Jr. and Raffy Lopez also on the staff. TFC picks up 1,500 subscribers in three months of operations. TFC signs a 15-year contract with TCI Cablevision and Western Cable Systems.

1996- After Star Cinema, other ventures follow suit: cable news, UHF television, music recording, and product licensing and merchandising.

1999- ABS-CBN remains the undisputed most-watched network.

"Esperanza" posts a rating of 58 percent, the highest in recorded history.

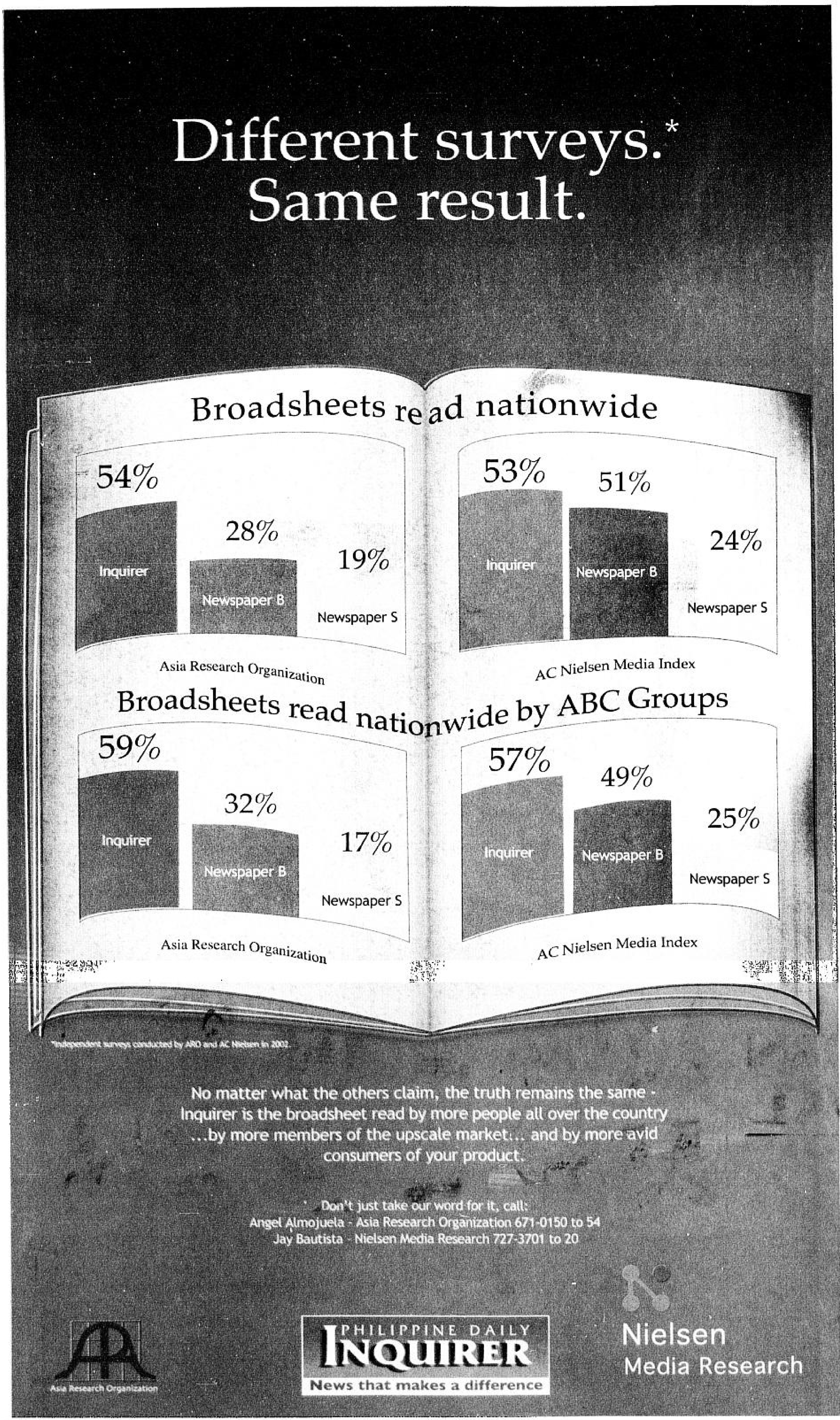
Programming is successfully expanded from 5:30 in the morning to 1:30 AM

the following day. ABS-CBN reached 93 percent of TV households via a network of 35 TV stations and affiliates.

2000- Sustained industry leadership in the new millennium having the No.1 VHF and UHF channels and the No.1 AM and FM radio stations.

Embarked on digitalization.

2002- 1st International News Bureau in the Middle East - ABS-CBN's dedication to service coupled with an unwavering courage sets ABS-CBN far apart from the competition. ABS-CBN Middle East News Bureau had already been in full operation in Kuwait when the Iraq crisis broke out a year later. ABS-CBN pulled its technical might and its valiant news team to face and withstand the dangers in Amman Jordan and in Baghdad, the eye of the war.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In the Service of the Filipino Child

By Kris Lacaba

EUGENIO Lopez Jr. once wrote, "I would like to reiterate my belief that our reason for being in business is to render public service."

Such conviction in social responsibility serves as inspiration to the people of ABS-CBN Foundation Inc. (AFI). For while a seemingly unending crisis pummels the country's economy, AFI dared to increase its efforts in being of service to its number one priority, the Filipino Child.

Bantay Bata 163 is a recognized leader in the fight against child abuse. Its 24-hour hotline operation provides counseling as well as legal advice and support.

The hotline service works hand-in-hand with Bantay Bata 163 rescue operations that work with police and local officials in taking into custody confirmed victims of child abuse. BB163 also assists children from needy families who need medical help. BB163 addresses the need to inform and educate families, parents and educators through conducting community training on parenting.

Since 1997, Bantay Bata 163 has assisted in 14,716 children with abuse cases through rescue operations, home visits, and legal assistance; while more than 6,000 children have been served by the BB163 medical unit. A Children's Village, "where children can once again dream," was set up on a 2.5-hectare land donated by Meralco in Norzagaray, Bulacan.

Bantay Kalikasan is AFI's environmental arm. The program is supported by a multi-sectoral network of government agencies, private organizations, and non-government organizations. It envisions a responsibly protected and preserved Philippine environment where future generations of Filipinos can lead a better quality of life.

Bantay Kalikasan was launched as a response to the worsening state of the Philippine environment: air pollution particularly in Metro Manila; destruction of marine ecosystems, denudation of the uplands, poisoning and siltation of major freshwater ecosystems, and the pervasive garbage problem in urban centers.

BB163 and Bantay Kalikasan have both launched a texting program to aid in the reporting of child abuse and smoke belching. Bantay Kalikasan's Bantay Usok campaign alone has received 194,000 text reports since it was launched June 6, 2002.

Through Bantay Kalikasan's Save the La Mesa Watershed Project, a total of 1,003 of 1,200 hectares, or 84 percent of the La Mesa Watershed have been reforested. The Bantay Usok team, meanwhile, has taken an estimated 10,400 smoke belchers off the street.

Through Educational Television (ETV) and E-Media, AFI seeks to enable Filipino children to reach their full potential. ETV shows are put together by experts from various fields of study -- science, mathematics, values formation, child psychology, Philippine history and English communication. The shows are aimed at elementary and high school children.

ETV shows like Sine'skwela, Mathtinik, Epol/Apple, Detek Kids and Pahina have received local and international awards. Hirayamanawari, for instance, was deemed "highly recommended" in the best children's program category of the Asian Television Awards.

In addition, E-Media helps provide TV sets and video materials to public elementary schools around the country, having distributed 5,100 TV sets and 3,000 ETV tapes to date. Research by AFI's research department has shown how ETV shows have improved the learning outcome of its viewers.

The Bago 'Yan, Ah! radio show envisions the Filipino as a science information-conscious person prepared for global competition. It is broadcast over DZMM 630 KHz and reaches children all over the country. The show has raised in students interest in science and technology and has encouraged students to work on original inventions and experiments. AC Nielsen Radioscope's annual survey recently gave Bago, 'Yan, Ah! the highest rating for all Sunday afternoon shows on AM radio in Metro Manila.

The ABS-CBN Foundation Volunteers (AFV) is a group of young men and women who brave typhoons, lahar flows, volcanic eruption, armed conflict and other dangers in response to the distress calls of displaced families of various disasters and calamities.

AFV's dedicated individuals give their time and effort in the name of public service through year-round emergency relief operations, medical missions, gift-giving projects and other outreach and charity undertakings. Now on its tenth year, the AFV has responded to 400 disasters, having served 275,000 families with P42 million worth of relief assistance.

The ABS-CBN Children's Center is a school that aims to provide quality education in an environment that will enable its students to tap their fullest potential. Because of the success of its pre-school, the Children's Center inaugurated a new elementary school in October 2002.

Bantay Kinabukasan aims to take a holistic approach in alleviating poverty in urban areas, covering varied aspects such as the environment, education, health and sports, livelihood and values formation. Through the Bayan Tubig Project, Bantay Kinabukasan and Maynilad water services installed water lines for 464 families in model communities in Barangay Commonwealth, Quezon City.

In media advocacy for the rights of the child, clean air, poverty alleviation and education, AFI's strength emerged. It does so with the cooperation and support of ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation, the ABS-CBN News Channel (ANC), Studio 23, Cinema 1, the Lifestyle Network and the Knowledge Channel. It is to the credit of its donors, supporters and partners, its officers and staff members that AFI continuesAFI continues to take a holistic approach in child development, while at the same time keeping touch with the child's position within society as a whole. Using all its resources, including the power of media, AFI hopes to serve children from different fronts. And by doing so, AFI hopes that it is coming closer to its vision -- that of creating a better world for the Filipino Child.

GINA Lopez, managing director of ABS-CBN Foundation Inc.

ABS-CBN subsidiaries

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sign through Music and Sound Gallery, and film processing and developing through Star Film Laboratory. This division showcases a full range of sophisticated technological equipment to support the production of high quality films and advertisements.

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ABS-CBN International

ABS-CBN International operates the network's operations and services outside the country. Its broadcast service touches the lives of Filipinos abroad with The Filipino Channel (TFC) aired through Direct-To-Home (DTH), cable and blocked time on TV stations. ABS-CBN International also provides Filipinos with direct long distance service to help keep them in touch with their loved ones.

The Filipino Channel is the ABS-CBN of the world, dishing out only the best in all-Filipino news and entertainment. Its mostly Filipino-language programs and movies are distributed in North America, Europe, Middle East, East Asia, Australia and the Pacific Islands.

ABS-CBN International offers other products for the global Filipino. Its venture into the telecommunications business in 1995 has resulted in the establishment of ABS-CBN Telecom which provides long-distance services to Filipinos overseas through pre-paid call cards and home-country-direct services. ABS-CBN Telecom has also installed call malls in Milan, Italy and would soon expand to other cities of Europe and eventually to the rest of the world.

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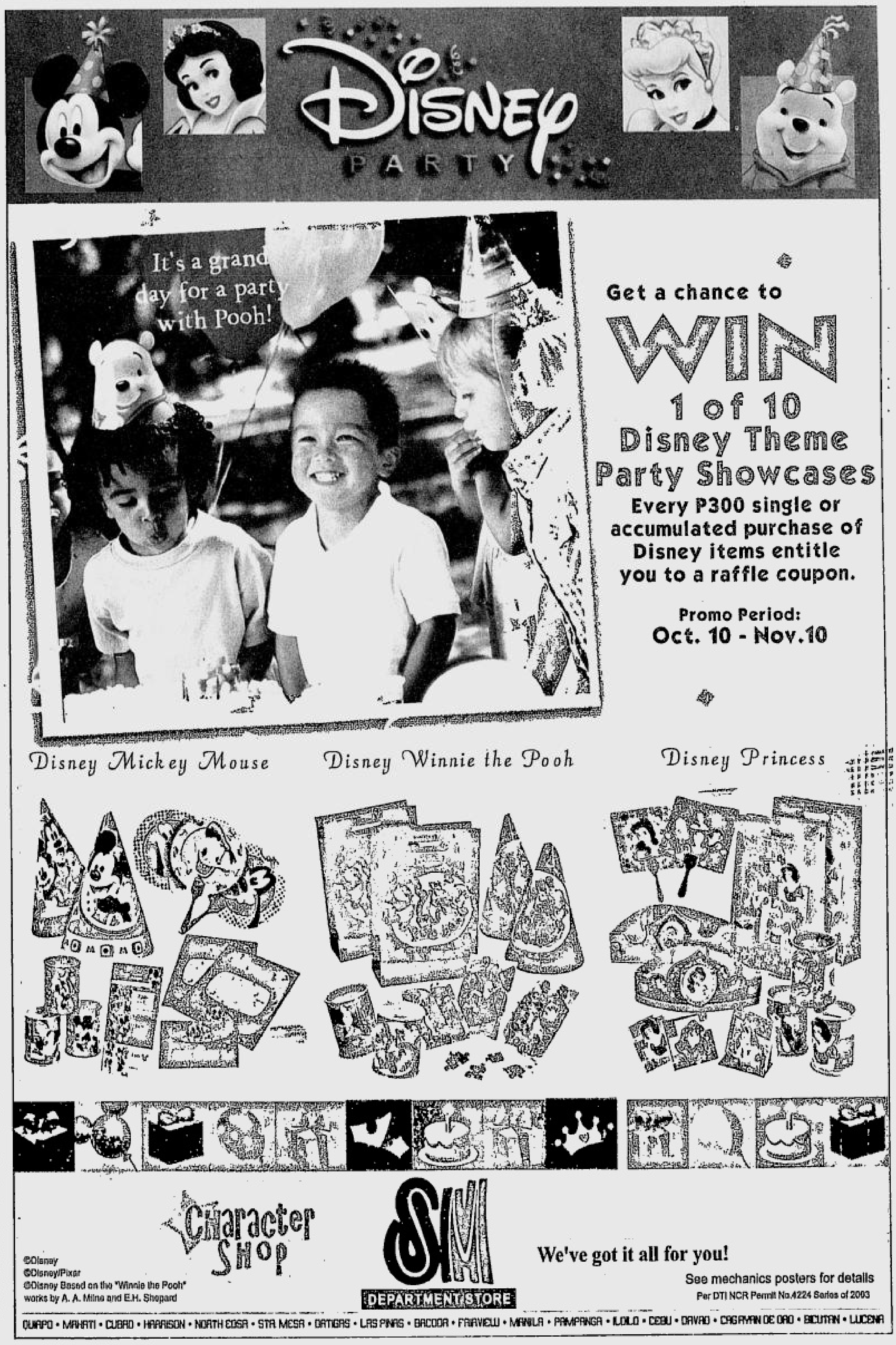

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ABS-CBN's many firsts

1946- 57 Years in the Broadcasting Industry- Starting from its humble beginnings as a radio station, Bolinao Electronics Corporation or BEC started in 1946. And in 1953, 50 years ago, it brought the magic of audio and video entertainment to the Filipinos, through the wonders of television

1955- 1st Attempt on Live Shows- Pista ng Bayan

1956- 1st Noontime Show- Roots of Student Canteen, the CBN Canteen- a radio show which is aired live from the CBN Canteen. In 1958 it was produced as a TV show with the same name but later on was changed to Student Canteen, where students get to sing live on air.

1957- The Lopezes' acquire ABS from Tony Quirino

1957- First Full Technical Force of a Broadcasting Company to Cover a News Event- On March 17, Ramon Magsaysay dies in a plane crash in Cebu. His funeral is the 1st event wherein ABS and CBN do joint coverage. ABS-CBN cameras show the funeral cortege live as it winds through the streets of Manila to the North Cemetery.

1957- First TV Singing Contest- "Tawag ng Tanghalan," originally, "The Purico Hour" hosted by Dolphy and Panchito is a radio contest over DZRH. The name was changed to "Tawag ng Tanghalan" by 1952. Geny is able to get "Tawag ng Tanghalan," a P&G-sponsored amateur show starring Patsy and Lopito, to transfer to ABS. He does this by offering to air the show on both radio and TV for virtually nothing - which was P&G's condition for transferring. The deal is tough to swallow, but Geny accepts it to gain control of his own productions. "Tawag ng Tanghalan" is aired every Monday on ABS 3 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. It is also simulcast on DZAQ and DZXL. The director is Teddy Baldemor.

1958- Firstt TV Game of Chance- Mitos Villareal directs her 1st show, "What's My Living?," a takeoff from the US show "What's My Line?" This is a show for ABS 3. ABS radio introduces a new hit show, "Ang Mahiwagang Kahon," the forerunner of "Kwarta o Kahon." It is hosted by Jaime de la Rosa. Mahiwagang Kahon, which eventually was hosted by Pepe Pimentel.

1960- First Sports Coverage: NCAA - With the acquisition of NCAA Franchise in 1959, ABS-CBN covers the NCAA Basketball games.

1961- First Provincial Station: CEBU - On June 14, Geny Lopez opens the 1st Philippine provincial television station, DYCB-TV Channel 3 in Cebu City. The 1st telecast begins at 6 pm and lasts for 4 hours. There are only a few hundred sets in Cebu. The TV station has a broadcast radius of 50 to 80 miles, reaching as far as Bohol and Ormoc. At that point, the 216-foot ABS tower is the tallest structure in Cebu.

First Teen Show- "Jam Session"

1963- First Teleserye Produced to a Movie- Larawan ng Pag-ibig, 1st TV appearance of Vilma Santos

First Station Branding - As a marketing strategy, ABS brands ABS3 as "The Premier Channel."

1963 1st Promo Girl/ VJs - To counter Bob Stewart's live commercials, ABS-CBN creates the concept of the promo girls. Jun Jison taps the services of a number of attractive female ABS-CBN employees (the Gonzalvez sisters, Nena, Anne Marie, and Cecilia, Feny Cantero, etc.) and tasks them to do live plugs of products and of coming shows. There is virtually no budget and the promo girls do their work gratis. But Alex Lacson of Procter sees the plugs and recommends that Geny beef it up. Once given a better budget, Jison starts hiring socialites, starlets and beauty queens as promo girls: Jojo Kierulf, Mildred Ortega, Elsa Payumo, Maria Vargas (later Montelibano), Lalaine Bennett, Maggie de la Riva, Dinna Lopez, etc. The director is Freddy Cochran; when he leaves ABS-CBN in 1967, he is replaced by Fritz Infante. The promo girl concept is a huge hit in terms of ad sales, soon outpacing Bob Stewart's plugs. Inhouse talents are paid P15 per night; outsiders are paid P25 per night. By 1972, they make P200 per appearance. By 1972, the promo girl live spots are earning P200,000 a year for ABS-CBN.

1964- First Taped Show - ABS-CBN re-

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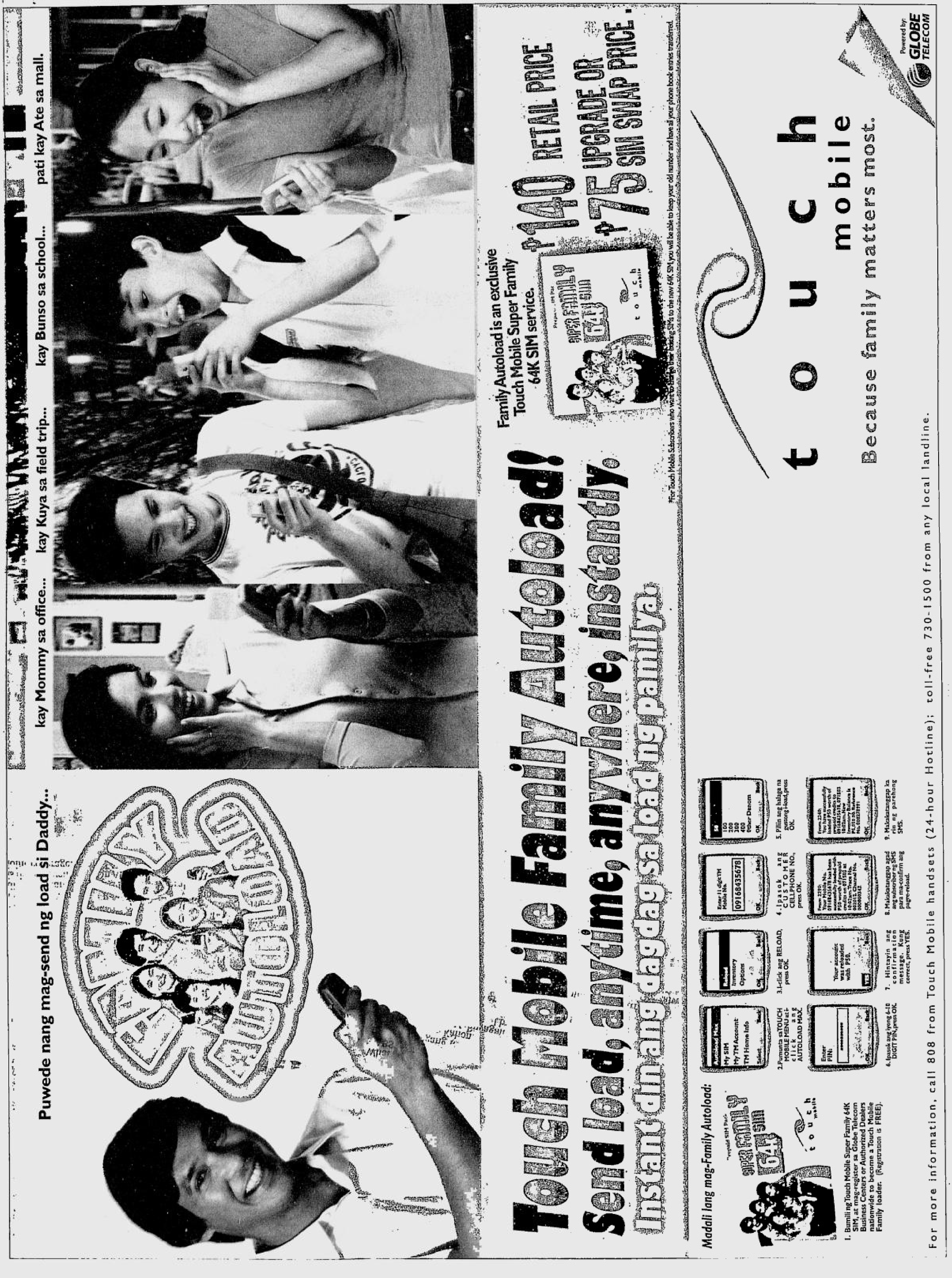

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ABS-CBN's many firsts

1946- 57 Years in the Broadcasting Industry- Starting from its humble beginnings as a radio station, Bolinao Electronics Corporation or BEC started in 1946. And in 1953, 50 years ago, it brought the magic of audio and video entertainment to the Filipinos, through the wonders of television

1955- 1st Attempt on Live Shows- Pista ng Bayan

1956- 1st Noontime Show- Roots of Student Canteen, the CBN Canteen- a radio show which is aired live from the CBN Canteen. In 1958 it was produced as a TV show with the same name but later on was changed to Student Canteen, where students get to sing live on air.

1957- The Lopezes' acquire ABS from Tony Quirino

1957- First Full Technical Force of a Broadcasting Company to Cover a News Event- On March 17, Ramon Magsaysay dies in a plane crash in Cebu. His funeral is the 1st event wherein ABS and CBN do joint coverage. ABS-CBN cameras show the funeral cortege live as it winds through the streets of Manila to the North Cemetery.

1957- First TV Singing Contest- "Tawag ng Tanghalan," originally, "The Purico Hour" hosted by Dolphy and Panchito is a radio contest over DZRH. The name was changed to "Tawag ng Tanghalan" by 1952. Geny is able to get "Tawag ng Tanghalan," a P&G-sponsored amateur show starring Patsy and Lopito, to transfer to ABS. He does this by offering to air the show on both radio and TV for virtually nothing - which was P&G's condition for transferring. The deal is tough to swallow, but Geny accepts it to gain control of his own productions. "Tawag ng Tanghalan" is aired every Monday on ABS 3 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. It is also simulcast on DZAQ and DZXL. The director is Teddy Baldemor.

1958- Firstt TV Game of Chance- Mitos Villareal directs her 1st show, "What's My Living?," a takeoff from the US show "What's My Line?" This is a show for ABS 3. ABS radio introduces a new hit show, "Ang Mahiwagang Kahon," the forerunner of "Kwarta o Kahon." It is hosted by Jaime de la Rosa. Mahiwagang Kahon, which eventually was hosted by Pepe Pimentel.

1960- First Sports Coverage: NCAA - With the acquisition of NCAA Franchise in 1959, ABS-CBN covers the NCAA Basketball games.

1961- First Provincial Station: CEBU - On June 14, Geny Lopez opens the 1st Philippine provincial television station, DYCB-TV Channel 3 in Cebu City. The 1st telecast begins at 6 pm and lasts for 4 hours. There are only a few hundred sets in Cebu. The TV station has a broadcast radius of 50 to 80 miles, reaching as far as Bohol and Ormoc. At that point, the 216-foot ABS tower is the tallest structure in Cebu.

First Teen Show- "Jam Session"

1963- First Teleserye Produced to a Movie- Larawan ng Pag-ibig, 1st TV appearance of Vilma Santos

First Station Branding - As a marketing strategy, ABS brands ABS3 as "The Premier Channel."

1963 1st Promo Girl/ VJs - To counter Bob Stewart's live commercials, ABS-CBN creates the concept of the promo girls. Jun Jison taps the services of a number of attractive female ABS-CBN employees (the Gonzalvez sisters, Nena, Anne Marie, and Cecilia, Feny Cantero, etc.) and tasks them to do live plugs of products and of coming shows. There is virtually no budget and the promo girls do their work gratis. But Alex Lacson of Procter sees the plugs and recommends that Geny beef it up. Once given a better budget, Jison starts hiring socialites, starlets and beauty queens as promo girls: Jojo Kierulf, Mildred Ortega, Elsa Payumo, Maria Vargas (later Montelibano), Lalaine Bennett, Maggie de la Riva, Dinna Lopez, etc. The director is Freddy Cochran; when he leaves ABS-CBN in 1967, he is replaced by Fritz Infante. The promo girl concept is a huge hit in terms of ad sales, soon outpacing Bob Stewart's plugs. Inhouse talents are paid P15 per night; outsiders are paid P25 per night. By 1972, they make P200 per appearance. By 1972, the promo girl live spots are earning P200,000 a year for ABS-CBN.

1964- First Taped Show - ABS-CBN re-

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ABS-CBN TALENT DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT CENTER

An artist's ticket to stardom

JOHNNY Manahan, ABS-CBN's senior vice president for talent development

ARE SHOW business stars born or are they made?

For the ABS-CBN Talent and Development & Management Center (TDMC), also known as the Talent Center, the way to stardom involves a lot of nurturing a star's potential, training one's skills and developing one's talent.

Much of what people see on screen about their favorite stars is a product of many hours of extensive training in the various aspects of *buhay artista*. Unknown to many, these stars invest their time and energy honing their talents to perfection. Talent Center on its part, provide these stars wholesome training that harness their potential to the fullest.

On April 1992, Freddie M. Garcia (then ABS-CBN executive vice-president and general manager) and Johnny "Mr. M" Manahan (then Program Director) hatched the idea of creating a stable of new stars exclusively for ABS-CBN. Then in October of the same year, the hit youth TV afternoon show, "Ang TV" was launched. It eventually gave rise to new stars such as Jolina Magdangal, Roselle Nava, Angelou De Leon, Rica Peralejo, Gio Alvarez, Victor Neri, Lindsay Custodio, Camille Pratts and Paolo Contis.

Now on its eighth year of star discovery and talent training, Talent Center has created some of the top young television and film stars today - Claudine Barretto, Piolo Pascual, Jericho Rosales, Kristine Hermosa, Marvin Agustin, Rico Yan, Carol Banawa, JM Rodriguez, Diether Ocampo, Patrick Garcia, and many others.

Talent Center's Star Circle Training Program has launched, to date, 11 batches of fresh, new teenage faces who have undergone extensive training in acting, personality development and physical enhancement prior to being cast in the television shows of ABS-CBN and the films of Star Cinema, as well as in commercial projects and corporate events.

Among the popular TV screen actors today who are products of Talent Center that have made names for themselves in music, film, concerts, and television are Carlos Agassi, John Lloyd Cruz, Shaina Magdayao, Nikki Valdes, Paula Peralejo, Vanessa del Bianco, Angelica Panganiban, Serena Dalrymple, Dominic Ochoa, Julia Clarete, Wilma Doesnt, Carlo and Leandro Munoz, John Pratts, Carlo Aquino, Stefano Mori and many others.

Now home to about 200 contract artists, Talent Center remains under the tutelage of acclaimed star mentor and television and film director, Mr. M, with a staff involved with the total training and management of the young stars aged 7-27. TDMC also has a 200-member Artist Registry of second leads and character actors from the stage whose ages range from 20 to 70 years old and provide salient support to ABS-CBN shows.

Aside from producing well-rounded and artistic talents, Talent Center has also spawned a number of top-rating youth-oriented TV shows and films, which became the launching pad of many of its artists to stardom. Among these are "Gimik," "Kaybol: Ang Bagong TV," "Okatokat," "Cyberkada," "Star Drama Theatre", "Tabing-Ilog" and "Berks."

Love teams among the artists had their debut of the big screen reaping box-office hits like "Flames: The Movie," "Kung Ayaw Mo, Huwag Mo," "Dahil Mahal na Mahal Kita," "Labs Kita," "Ok Ka Lang," "Kahit Isang Saglit," "Tanging Yaman," "Bakit Di Totohanin," "Got to Believe in Magic," "Jologs" and "Forevermore."

On May 1999, Talent Center expanded its search to include sexy character actors and video jocks away from the usual teenybopper and "Ang TV" types. These included comedian Gabe Mercado, funny girl Duday Galliguez, child diva Ayko Morales and musical thespian JM Rodriguez. As the answer of the Talent Center to the burgeoning boy band demand, The Hunks with matinee leads, Jericho Rosales, Carlos Agassi, Diether Ocampo, Bernard Palanca and Piolo Pascual, was launched. They instantly gained a following among women fans in their various performances.

A number of Talent Center's artists were also given their individual breaks through commercials and product endorsements. Some fortunate to have won acting awards like Piolo Pascual, who had a best supporting actor for "Dekada '70", while others were able to launch their solo recordings and grand-slam concerts.

Distance Learning Center

An important part of managing showbiz artists is keeping them in school. That's why through ABS-CBN Talent Center's Distance Learning Center High School (DLC), artists who have difficulty juggling school and their showbiz career are given an opportunity to continue in their education. DLC uses the curriculum endorsed by the Department of Education so artists are assured of receiving proper tutelage. They are enrolled in the semi-regular program in which they attend classes thrice a week. In this manner, they are able to fulfill their showbiz commitments without sacrificing their education.

Besides the unit and summative tests, they are required to complete their modules. Another program, the Home Study, is available for those are not able to attend school. They only need to report to the teachers for consultations and examinations. This modular approach trains the students to become resourceful, responsible and self-reliant.

To make sure its students are well-rounded, DLC engages in cultural visits, theatre plays, art exhibits and other interschool competitions like quiz bees, street and cheer dances. It is also affiliated with the Athletic Association of Private Schools, where its varsity team competes in various sports like basketball and volleyball. DLC alumni include Paolo Contis, Carlo Aquino, Kathleen Hermosa, Baron Geisler, Francis Ricafort and John Pratts.

Unknown to many, DLC is not exclusive to showbiz artists. It also caters to the public as well as those who would want to experience an alternative secondary education in a different setting.

ABS-CBN Center for Communication Arts, Inc.

The ABS-CBN Center for Communication Arts, Inc. (CCAI) was established to provide continued training and formal education in the field of broadcast com-

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TALENT CENTER ARTISTS. (From left) Piolo Pascual, Claudine Barretto, Kristine Hermosa and Jericho Rosales.

Ang buhay ay masaya...

ABS-CBN makes TV history anew with star-studded 50th anniversary special

ABS-CBN promises to make television history this October, with the biggest, brightest, most star-studded TV special for its 50th anniversary extravaganza, "Kapamilya: ABS-CBN at 50," to be held tonight at the PICC Plenary Hall.

For this massive TV event, ABS-CBN will accomplish many television firsts, starting with a gathering of the biggest talent pool ever in television history. The ABS-CBN 50th anniversary extravaganza will bring together many of the network's stars from the past and the present: from the television superstars of the 1950s and 1960s, to today's most bankable TV, music, concert and movie stars, to tomorrow's biggest bets for stardom.

For the performances, ABS-CBN has crafted together exciting stellar combinations that include stars who have not been seen on the network for the better part of a generation. Participating as presentors and performers for this very special evening are Dolphy, Vilma Santos, Sharon Cuneta, Korina Sanchez, Kris Aquino, Ai-Ai de las Alas, Zsa-Zsa Padilla, Aga Muhlach, Cesar Montano, Judy Ann Santos, Maricel Soriano, Piolo Pascual, Claudine Barreto, original "Student Canteen" host Leila Benitez and many other celebrity surprises.

Maestro Ryan Cayabyab, the ABS-CBN 50th anniversary extravaganza's musical director, has prepared completely new song arrangements for the extraordinary presentation. Designed by Maestro Cayabyab specifically to create a vivid look at the five decades of Philippine culture that ABS-CBN has been fortunate to chronicle, the musical arrangements will be interpreted by the 60-member San Miguel Philharmonic Orchestra. ABS-CBN has also commissioned two original songs, written by Maestro Cayabyab, to celebrate the media company's glorious five decades.

To stage this spectacle, ABS-CBN has also assembled a mammoth budget, said to be the largest fund assembled for a special in Philippine television history.

Performers will also include a corps of more than 150 dancers to provide eye candy onstage in support of the grand musical numbers.

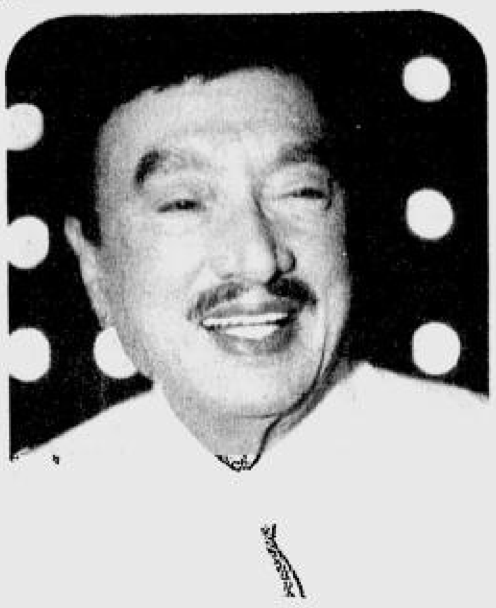
The technical credits for the ABS-CBN 50th anniversary extravaganza are equally impeccable. The production team is led by multi-awarded director Johnny Manahan, with executive-in-charge of production Charo Santos-Concio and the ABS-CBN special projects production team, headed by Chit Guerrero.

ABS-CBN will also summon the full force of its technical might for the special, utilizing six OB vans and state of the art video and audio equipment to chronicle this once in a lifetime TV event.

Touted to be the most lavish, most spectacular and most star-studded TV special that the network has ever produced, ABS-CBN's 50th anniversary special promises to outdo all of the network's previous pioneering and influential TV events in scope, magnitude and sheer star power.

An hour before the actual program on Friday night, the arrival and parade of stars on the red carpet at the PICC will be aired on ANC, to be hosted by Jing Magsaysay and Pinky Webb.

"Kapamilya: ABS-CBN at 50" will be aired as a two-hour TV special on Oct. 26, starting at 9:30 p.m.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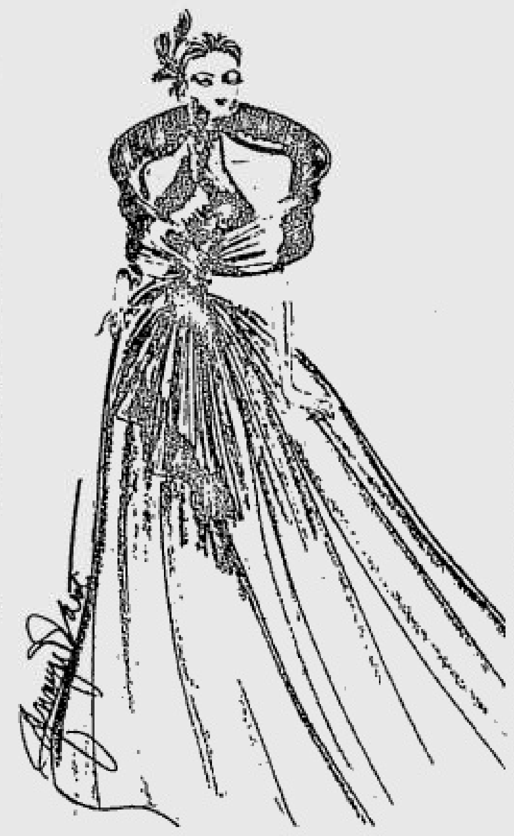
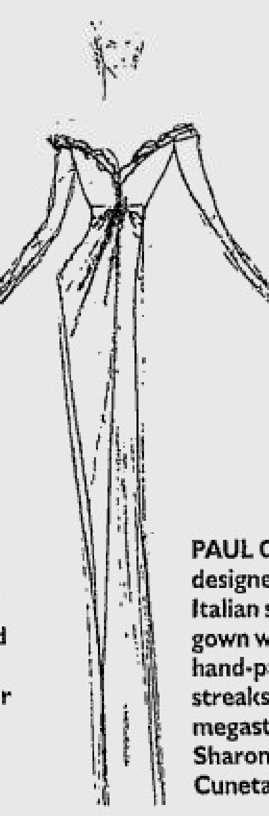
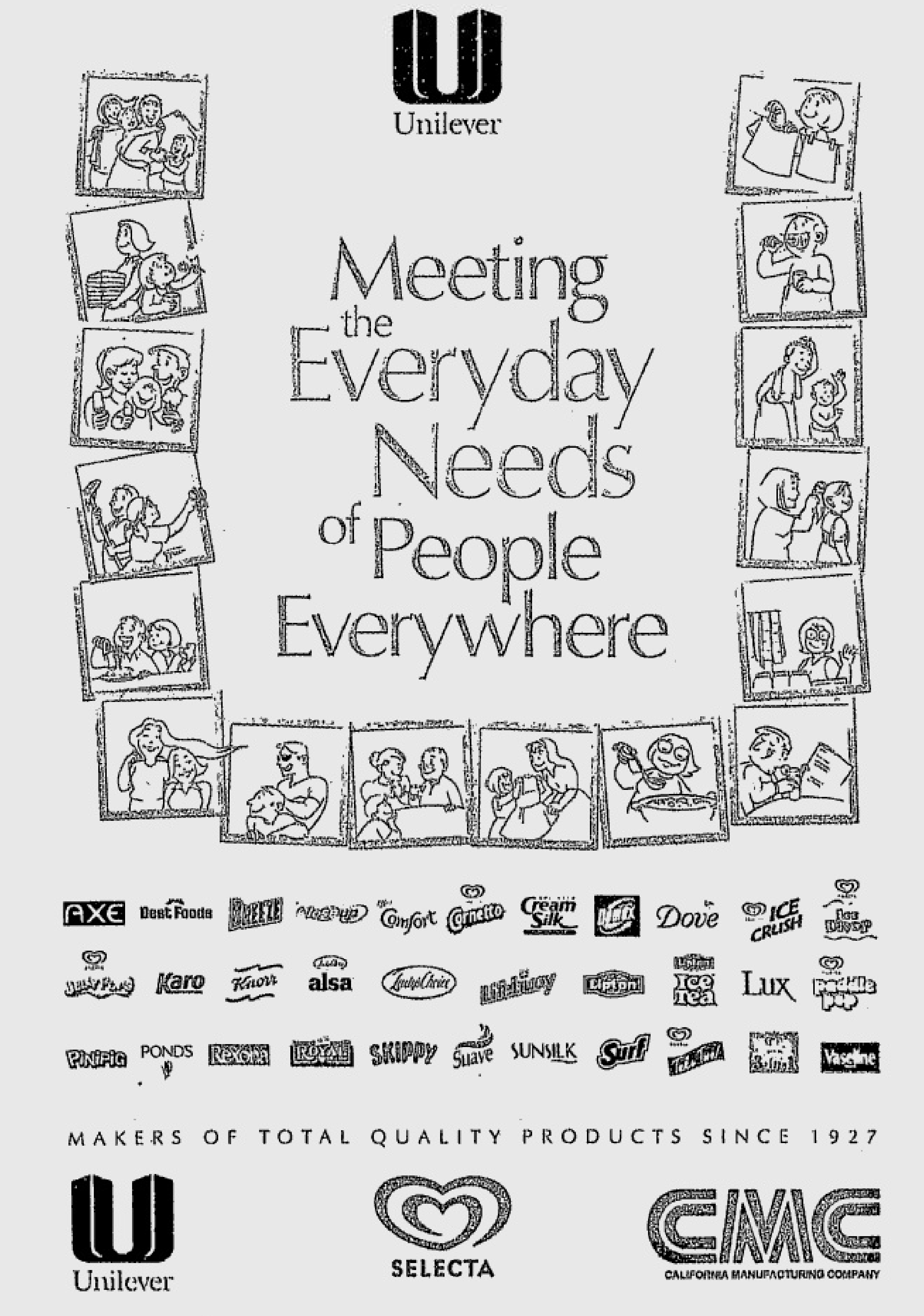

FANNY Serrano created a body-fit velvet turtleneck match with a bottle green long bustled skirt in boxed satin fabric with shawl for veteran actress Celia Rodriguez.


PAUL Cabral designed a lilac Italian satin gown with hand-painted streaks for megastar Sharon Cuneta.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An artist's ticket to stardom

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munications and performing arts. This was the answer of the Talent Center, as conceptualized by Johnny Manahan, to address the need to professionalize the industry and its artists.

In 1999, the Institute of Performing Arts (IPA) was established and different workshops in acting, dancing, singing, production and scriptwriting were offered. Consequently, in that summer, IPA was formally launched as the ABS-CBN Center for Communication Arts Inc. with Ms. Beverly Vergel spearheading the group. In 2001, Musical Theater and Stage Management, was successfully launched. This paved the way for Workshops@ABS-CBN's serious entry into the theater business as well.

The CCAI training is marked by its passion for bridging the gap between theory and practice. It provides a setting where students will be immersed in the industry's culture and CCAI would guide them on how they will succeed in it. At the end of the workshops, each student will have the chance to produce, direct, deliver the news or perform as measured by the industry's standards.

In its four years of operation, the CCAI, commonly known now as Workshops@ABS-CBN, has captured every spectrum of the market. It has kids as young as four years old and adults over 60 years old. Slowly, Workshops@ABS-CBN is shaping its reputation as a very good venue to develop one's emotional quotient. Participants learn techniques in performing or broadcasting, and more importantly they discover an aspect of themselves and they are positively reinforced by their instructors, peers and the environment, to be the best that they can be.

Workshops@ABS-CBN offers a variety of courses in performing arts, broadcasting, news and personality development the whole year round.

As part of its service, Workshops@ABS-CBN offers its students a great opportunity as they are tapped for support roles in film and TV. Others get to work behind the camera as director, newscaster, writer, etc.

In line with the company's mission to "Serve the Filipino," CCAI in its own little way, helps out by offering free workshops for the underprivileged sector of our society. These workshops focus on the IQ-EQ balance of the participants by giving them a chance to interact socially, gain confidence by learning a technique (in acting, drawing or speech) and appreciate the arts.

To ensure the quality of its workshops, it has partnered with industry luminaries to be the instructors:

Directing - Johnny Manahan, Malu Sevilla, Arnel Natividad
Acting For Film and TV - Beverly Vergel
Acting For Theater - Isay Alvarez, Pinky Marquez, Ron Capinding, Pido Aguilar
Dancing - Jerome Dimalanta, Julie Alagde, Val Trono, Jaime del Prado
Voice - Ana Feleo, Elver Esquivel, Jeanne Velasco- Vicars, Chipay Elegado
Scriptwriting - Ned Legaspi, Noel Ferrer, Agnes Gageloni-Uligan, Wali Ching, Ricky Lee
Assistant Directing - Jerry O'Hara, Mae Cruz
News Casting - Karen Davila, Mon Ilagan, Alex Alicpala
News Reporting - Anne Torres, Gigi Grande
News Production - Ging Reyes; Ira Panganiban
Personality Development - Abbygale Arenas-de Leon, Lisa Berroya, Sidney Fortun
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PR and Marketing - Pat-P Daza-Planas, Lawrence Tan
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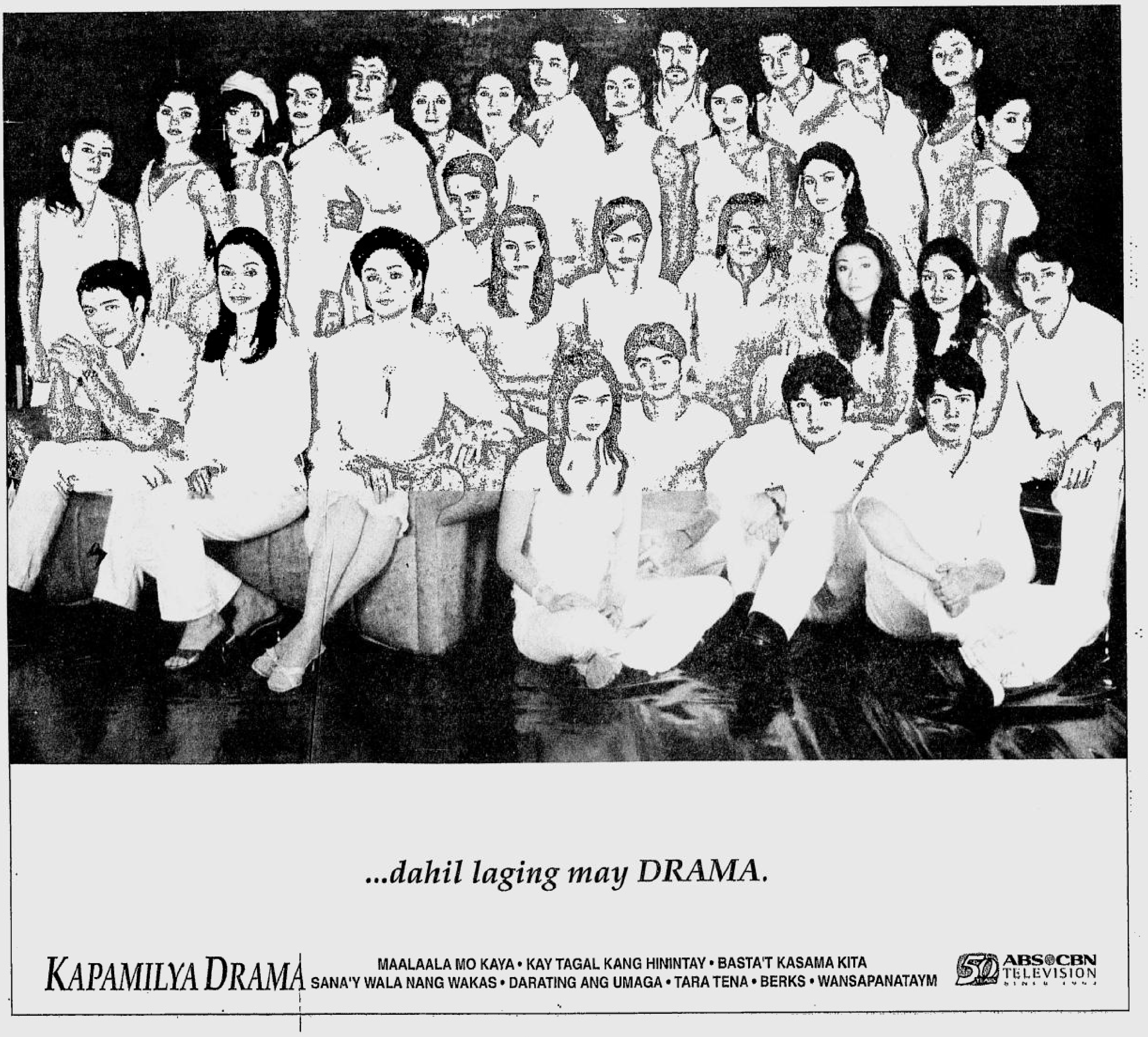

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50 ABS-CBN TELEVISION

ABS-CBN moves up into the new frontier of cable programming

By Mary Alexie A. Montecer

ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation's goal of providing service into every corner of the country, into every nook and cranny of the globe, has constantly been the significant force to set its own pace in the cable programming industry. With Cable Programs Inc. (CPI), ABS-CBN brings three cable channels that deliver specific programs that suit the various tastes and needs of Filipino viewers in the country and around the world.

The birth of the Sarimanok News Network (SNN) in 1996 gave realization to what Chairman Emeritus Eugenio Lopez, Jr. dreamed of - that is "building bridges in the air." This vision is to connect the geographical gaps between Filipinos around the globe - with a TV station that will merge their source of With SNN airing in SKY Cable, Filipinos could then catch up the most current top stories from two major newscasts and short advisories in a day. Along with its desire to enhance its commitment to its viewers, SNN joined forces with SKY Cable News Team, thus the first 24-hour, seven-day week, news programming grid in the Philippines was born.

It was in 1999 when SNN was relaunched as the ABS-CBN News Channel (ANC). It now plays a major part in the operations of the Integrated News and Current Affairs (INCA) Division of ABS-CBN, the country's leader in news service. Soon, the channel has emerged to be an all news and business channel, consistent in being the first to break national issues and deliver full coverage reports. This unmatched stature of reportage was exemplified during ANC exclusive exposes on the anomalies surrounding the BW Scandal, the Estrada Impeachment Trials, and ANC's coverage of EDSA Dos, the 2nd People Power Revolution.

ANC is also the only news organization that covers the Philippine Stock Exchange, daily, giving its audience a detailed analysis of the trading movements of the market, at real time. The channel includes airing of interactive talk shows hosted by country's prominent and respectable TV personalities. Nevertheless, ANC reports extensive weather coverage and presents discussion on compelling issues in the business and political scenes.

Lifestyle Network

The Lifestyle Network is a channel predominantly for women. Now on its fourth year, Lifestyle Network caters to both men and women viewers. The channel daily broadcast features unique and interesting programming blocks, all favorably capturing the viewers' modern and distinct interests.

Lifestyle Network's Home & Garden Television brings five hours of programs everyday from leading interior decorators, home builders gardeners, craft experts and lifestyle hosts. The channel also presents the Food Network showcasing anything related to food from the mouth-watering concoctions to memorable culinary travels. Through the In Style block, cable viewers can catch the frenetic but always exciting worlds of glamour, fashion, design, entertainment and art. This is also where audience can watch their favorite programs from E! Style, CBC and the likes. Lifestyle Television block offers then celebrity profiles, travel shows and engaging documentaries. This confirms the channel's acclaim as a provider of contemporary, innovative entertainment and information programs, highlighting women's issues and personalities.

Cinema One

Cinema One is the first all-Filipino 24-hour movie channel carrying over 200 movies every month. It showcases a collection of the best and the most popular movies from giant movie production outfits featuring films from the widest range of genres. The channel offers behind-the-scene previews, showbiz news, celebrity profiles and other existing entertainment features.

In terms of A-grade titles, Cinema One has an extensive film library composed of Regal Films, Star Cinema, Octo Arts, Seiko, Premiere, Millenium Cinema, Maverick, MAQ and other independent libraries. Never ceases in providing remarkable movies for its target audience, Cinema One has also created entertainment programs and program blocks for specialized viewing and block selling. It has likewise produced originals, which are considered the first in cable local programming such as Persona, Review Night, Cover Story, and CinemaNews.

As it aims to be the best choice of Tagalog movie fanatics, Cinema One continues to evolve and develop new sense in programming that will correspond its market's selections and viewing mode.

After five decades of providing the best programs in Philippine television, ABS-CBN remains to be the trailblazer not only in local TV industry but in cable program industry as well. With the successful incorporation of the three cable channels, ABS-CBN will surely and continuously hit it off nationwide and worldwide.

Making the right choices

As they say "Moms know best". And what Moms definitely know is that value for money is very important these days.

This is not hard to understand considering what our economy is experiencing lately. This affects every household's budget such as that mom's would think twice, or maybe even thrice, before thay part with hard-earned money. No wonder that more and more alternative or price brand soaps detergents, shampoos, etc. are being introduced in the market.

But how about on food items? Does buying a more affordable brand already means getting the best value for money? Does taste quality play an important consideration? And if for the sake of argument it happens to taste good, don't you just wish there were more benefits you can get?

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